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Regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday, September through May, with the exception of the month of December, 7:30 P.M., at the Denver Museum of Natural History, West Auditorium.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

TUESDAY, February 3, 1987

Record-Keeping. A panel of D.F.O. members discussing how they keep records of the birds they see.

Judy Ward	Personal records
Dick Schottler	Personal records
Jack Reddall	Personal records
Harold Holt	Early and late arrival dates for the Denver area
Phil Hayes	Summarizing D.F.O. field trips, and yard lists
Dave Martin	Computer records: what I would set up--if only the computer had enough storage capacity

We invite other D.F.O. members to bring examples of the way they keep records. We also plan to bring a notebook to make a record of good record-keeping.

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DECEMBER 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- December 3, Tuesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, McClellan Reservoir, Chatfield STA (CCMCH). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; 6"-10" of snow cover; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 30°-38°). 94 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 9.5 hours. (52 species, 5118 individuals)
- 4, Thursday. Denver Metro area: Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Fairmont Cemetery, Sloan's Lake, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Red Rocks Park, Morrison Picnic Ground, Bear Creek Lake Park, Chatfield SRA (METRO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear, haze, smog; 6"-10" of snow cover; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 17°-38°). 114 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9.5 hours. (63 species, 6948 individuals)
- 6, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NDL). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Foggy; 32°). 20 miles by car. (29 species, 1451 individuals)
- 7, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Ron Carter, Richard Hale, Alan Hay, Randy Lentz, John and Carol Schenk. (Sky obscured by light to moderate snow becoming mostly cloudy by afternoon; Wind, calm; 28°-32°). 21 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8 hours. (45 species, 2515 individuals)
- 13, Saturday. Christmas Pre-Count: Area 17, Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Dee Hay, Chris Martin, Mike Martin. (Clear to partly cloudy, 0"-12" of snow on ground; Wind, calm; 19°-50°). 21 miles by car; 4 miles on foot. 7.5 hours. (26 species, 640 individuals)
- 13, Saturday. Christmas Pre-Count: Area 4A, Lower South Platte River (LSPR). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Jean Maguire, Dick Pautsch, Floyd Pendell, Nickie Pliler, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, calm; 30°-54°). 25 miles by car; 1 mile on foot. 8 hours. (49 species, 3465 individuals)
- 26, Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Julesburg; Red Lion SWA; Jumbo Reservoir; Sterling cemetery; Prewitt Reservoir; Bijou Reservoir; Morgan Co. Rds. 4, 3, & 73; Weld Co. Rds. 4 & 73 (NECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, SW 5-15 MPH; 15°-40°). 427 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 12 hours. (39 species, 65,288 individuals)
- 27, Saturday. Barr Lake Christmas Count (BLXC). Observers: Chris Barker, Virginia Bleck, John Bregar, Nancy Decis, Norm Erthal, Bob Jickling, Hugh Kingery, Barry Knapp, Steve and Diane Larson, Randy Lentz, Tor Nylander, Tom Parchman, Jack Reddall, Van Remsen (compiler), Frances Sperl, Joe Tenbrink, Doug Ward, Judy Ward. (Partly cloudy to cloudy, 4"-6" of snow on ground; Wind, WSW 5-15 MPH; 20°-42°). (62 species - one below all-time Count high; 22,302 individuals)
- 29, Monday. Crook Christmas Count (CXMAS). Observers: Jack Reddall, Van Remsen (compiler). (Mostly clear; Wind, SW 5-10 MPH; 20°-50°). 53 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8.3 hours. (47 species, 28,738 individuals)

DECEMBER 1986 AREA HABITAT	2 CEMCH PLAIN	4 METRO PLAIN	6 NDL PLN	7 CCRA PLNS	13 KCR PLN	13 LSPR PLNS	26 NECOL PLAIN	27 BLXC PLNS	29 CXMAS PLAIN
Pacific Loon	2	1							
Common Loon	1	1		3					
Yellow-billed Loon						1			
Pied-billed Grebe	25	9	1			7			
Western Grebe	15	6		2		1			
Double-crested Cormorant	2	2		2					
Great Blue Heron						2	2	1	3
Mute Swan (Not Feral In Colo.)			6						
Snow Goose									
"White" form									6a1i
Canada Goose	250	1500	445	100		700	10500	853	13500
Wood Duck			2			2			
Green-winged Teal	10	10	2	60				18	
Mallard	65	275	250	20	4	272	52000	2902	12000
Northern Pintail	30					1	2	615	3
Northern Shoveler		155	50				2	1500	
Gadwall	10	4	4			14	15	201	20
American Wigeon	150	60	21	3		80	20	150	15
Canvasback	75	75				8		2	
Redhead	25	30	7			10		5	
Ring-necked Duck	100	100	41			130		50	
Greater Scaup	1m1f	1m3f							
Lesser Scaup	4	25	18			10		10	
Oldsquaw								1	
White-winged Scoter		1ima							
Common Goldeneye	45	60	31	1m1f		24	55	250	87
Barrow's Goldeneye	1ma								
Bufflehead	30	80	2			2		3	
Hooded Merganser	8m24f	2m4f				16			1X?
Common Merganser	1500	1500	6	1500		250	2000	25	1600
Red-breasted Merganser		1fe		1fe		3		1	1ma
Ruddy Duck	15	30		1				7	
Bald Eagle							6abi	2a3i	3a9i
Northern Harrier							3fe	4	4fe
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1ad		1ad				4	
Cooper's Hawk				1ad					
Northern Goshawk				1im					
Buteo sp.								9	1
Red-tailed Hawk					2	1		17	
"Western" races	3	3		1			5		2
"Harlan's" race				1					
Ferruginous Hawk	2ad	2ad		2ad	3		1	23	2
Rough-legged Hawk				1			16	29	7
Golden Eagle							8	4	1ad
American Kestrel	2	3	2	1	3	4	17	24	3
Merlin							2R	3	
Prairie Falcon					1		3	5	3
Ring-necked Pheasant	3ma	2ma		12	3			5	
Virginia Rail		1		3					
American Coot	1000	1100	11	1		150			
Killdeer	1	1	2	2		4		6	

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Common Snipe				15		1		3	6
Ring-billed Gull	800	1000	170	400		1200	20	3	35
California Gull	220	150		200		7		1	
Herring Gull	25	20		50		4	40	7	70
Thayer's Gull	2im	1im		1sa					
Glaucous Gull				1ad					
Rock Dove	1	175	130	5	104	142	2	218	19
Mourning Dove									5
Eastern Screech-Owl									2
Great Horned Owl				3	3	2	1	8	1
Belted Kingfisher	1					2	1	2	2
Downy Woodpecker					1	1		17	
"Batchelder's" race		1m26							
"Eastern" races									1ma
Northern Flicker							1		12
"Red-shafted" race	5	10	5	5	3	20		20	
Horned Lark	35	20		15			40	1179	155
Blue Jay	1	2			1	3	3		1
Scrub Jay		1			11				
Black-billed Magpie	45	120	27	25	26	32	8	202	43
American Crow	30	2	2		14	4			
Common Raven	10	1			40				
Black-capped Chickadee		13		2	5	7	15	15	18
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1				1			
White-breasted Nuthatch					1		1		
Brown Creeper		2						1	
Marsh Wren				2					
American Dipper		1	3						
Townsend's Solitaire	1	4		1	11	3	2	5	4
American Robin	1					2		12	55
Bohemian Waxwing			1		1			37	
Cedar Waxwing	12								
Northern Shrike	1im	1ad		1ad				3	2ad
European Starling	400	110	135	1	183	180	180	1856	14
Yellow-rumped Warbler									
"Myrtle" race								3	
"Audubon's" race								1	
Rufous-sided Towhee		1ma							
American Tree Sparrow	7	20		20		6	15	355	265
Song Sparrow	10	20		15	2	9	2	96	16
Swamp Sparrow		1ad							
Golden-crowned Sparrow		1ad							
White-crowned Sparrow						1		72	2
Harris' Sparrow								2	1ad
Dark-eyed Junco		7			3	7	7	15	82
"White-winged" race			1						1
"Slate-colored" race		1		1	1	1	2	4	40
"Oregon" race	1	20	15	3	4	7	3	28	75
Lapland Longspur									1
Snow Bunting							2		2
Red-winged Blackbird	4	100		5	12	14	15	9423	530
Western Meadowlark					1			47	

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Brewer's Blackbird								52	
Common Grackle								13	
Cassin's Finch						1			
House Finch	50	35	22	10	106	22		356	
Pine Siskin		1					20	1	21
American Goldfinch	4	3		3		2	45	59	31
House Sparrow	75	50	39	10	90	92	200	1423	70
TOTAL SPECIES - [97]	52	63	29	45	26	49	39	62	47

ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a;
Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima; Common Merganser X Hooded
Merganser male hybrid=X?; Richardson's race of Merlin=R; sub-
adult=sa; Plains=PLAIN,PLNS,PLN.

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1986 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Yellow-billed Loon 12-13 through 12-21 (1, non-breeding adult or immature) McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (first found by Ruth Breckon and Ruth Wheeler; subsequently seen by many people) Superb video tape captured the bird for about five minutes. Our special thanks go to Art Wainwright of Boulder, first for photographing the Loon on video tape and then graciously donating a copy to the DFO (which will be forwarded to American Birds in New York City as first-class supporting documentation).

Tundra Swan 12-1, 12-3, 12-4, 12-9, 12-21 (1 immature) 56th Ave. & McIntire, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co. (DN). Observed on 12-30 on Hyatt Lake, about 1/4 mile from earlier observations (DN). On 12-30 it was observed in flight over the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN).

Greater Scaup 12-16(2) McLellan Reservoir (BR), 12-24 & 12-26 (2 males, 1 female) McLellan Reservoir (RH); 12-26 (2 males, 2 females) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (RH)

Oldsquaw 12-12 (1 male, winter plumage) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder Co. (BJ); 12-28 (2 females, winter plumage) "Coors Pond", 32nd Ave. & Gardenia, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co. (DN).

Barrow's Goldeneye 12-31 (1 male, 1 female) South Platte River approximately 200 yards north of Evans Ave., Denver (DN).

Red-breasted Merganser 12-9 (3 males, 2 females) McLellan Reservoir (TJ); 12-12 (8 males, 6 females) Valmont Reservoir (BJ); 12-14 (3 males, 5 females) Valmont Reservoir (TJ); 12-16 (1) McLellan Reservoir (BR); 12-28 (3 males, 1 female) Sloan's Lake, Denver (VR); 12-29 (1 male) "Coors Pond", Wheat Ridge (EH,IH)

Merlin 12-30 (1 female) 44th Ave. & Kipling St., Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co. (AH).

Prairie Falcon 12-11 (1), 12-18 (1), 12-20 (2), 12-22 (1) Crown Hill Reservoir Open Space, Jefferson Co. (DG); 12-21 (1) McLellan Reservoir.

Greater Yellowlegs 12-1, 12-5, 12-8 (1) Clear Creek, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt near Prospect Park (DN).

American Woodcock 12-26 (2) South Platte River, Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JB-pers. comm.)

California Gull 12-9 (2, winter adults) McLellan Reservoir (TJ) - written details submitted; 12-21(2) McLellan Reservoir (RH); 12-26(1) Chatfield SRA (RH).

Thayer's Gull 12-21(2) McLellan Reservoir (RH); 12-24(2) McLellan Reservoir (RH); 12-26(1) McLellan Reservoir (RH).

Common Barn-Owl. First week of NOVEMBER (1 adult), 7160 West 9th Place, Lakewood, Jefferson Co. (ER,JR).

Eastern Screech-Owl 12-10 & 12-15(1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH).

Horned Lark. Where are they this winter??

Bohemian Waxwing. Numerous sightings and reports during month of December from Denver/Boulder area. Maxima: 500 (date-?) at 26th & Newcombe (DN).

Yellow-rumped Warbler ("Myrtle" race) 12-1 & 12-2 (1 male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN).
 Pine Warbler 12-10 through 12-31 (1, winter plumaged male) coming to a suet feeder at
Fischer Residence - 5940 West Milan Place, Denver (PF). We would like to extend our
 appreciation to Phyllis Fischer for her generous hospitality by welcoming all birdwatchers
 to her backyard patio to view this rare bird in Colorado.
 Swamp Sparrow 12-2 through 12-7 (1, winter adult) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN).
 White-throated Sparrow 12-6 (1 adult) Bear Creek Lake Park, Jefferson Co. (DN,DS).
Golden-Crowned Sparrow All month (1, winter adult) Bear Creek Lake Park (KL plus many observers)
Rusty Blackbird 12-2(2) along Clear Creek, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN).
 Common Grackle 12-3 (1 male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN,DS).

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 Tina Jones (TJ), Ken LaBorde (KL), Duane Nelson (DN), Elizabeth Remsen (ER),
 James Remsen (JR), Van Remsen (VR), Bob Richter (BR), Dick Schottler (DS).

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1987

- February 1, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Ron Carter (757-1425). Carpool on your
 own at 7:45 a.m. at Park n' Ride on Wadsworth south of Hampden. Meet leader at
 8:00 a.m. at park entrance.*
- 7, Saturday. SOUTH LAKEWOOD and DEER CREEK FEEDERS. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682).
 Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of Burlington Coat
 Factory.*
- 8, Sunday. SOUTH PLATTE URBAN. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 8:00 a.m.
 west of King Soopers on South Federal at Bellevue.*
- 14, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at
 8:00 a.m. at the north lot, Denver Museum of Natural History.*
- 15, Sunday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK & CASTLEWOOD STATE PARK areas. Leader: Ben Moore
 (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Safeway lot South Logan and Hwy 285 (Hampden).*
- 21, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER PARK. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Carpool at
 lot west of King Soopers on South Federal at Bellevue. Park is reached from
 South Santa Fe - turn west on gravel road at Cooley Gravel Pit's sign. Meet
 leader at park at 7:30 a.m. Easy trails - 5-6 miles of walking possible.*
- 22, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Randy Lentz (744-6660). Meet
 at 7:30 a.m. at the West gate.*
- 28, Sunday. GUANELLA PASS to look for Ptarmigan in winter plumage. Leader: Warren
 Finch (233-3372). Meet at 7:30 a.m. Park n- Ride on southeast corner of 6th Ave.
 & Union (park near entrance). Probably half-day. Snowshoes, snow boots, or
 cross county skis might be helpful.

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LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT
1986 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Kathy Hawkins, Co-compiler
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December 20, 1986: 3:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.-MST. Morning: Mostly clear. After-noon: Mostly clear. Temperature: 10° to 42°F. Wind: SW 0-10 MPH. Snow Cover: 0" to 18". Fresh Water: Partly open on plains; frozen in foothills. Wild Food Crop: Fair to poor! Observers: One hundred and twenty-nine (94 in 29 parties with 35 at feeders). Total Party Hours: 232.0 (174.5 on foot, 57.5 by car). Total Party Miles: 728.6 (116.5 on foot, 612.1 by car). In addition, four hours were spent "owling" covering about eight miles while 113 hours were expended by "Feeder-watchers". Totals: 102 species plus 5 races. About 22,467 individuals.

On this, our 33rd annual count, we surpassed the "century" mark for the first time since 1982. However, we failed to turn up any new species to be added to our all-time count total. Thus, the grand total number of species recorded over the past 33 years on the Denver Christmas Count remains at 166.

While no new species were added during this year's count, several unusual and exciting birds were found as follows:

YELLOW-BILLED LOON (1, non-breeding, probably an adult) first found by Ruth Breckon and Ruth Wheeler at McLellan Reservoir on 12/13/86. The bird remained at least through 12/21/86 and was seen by many people. About five minutes of Video tape of the Loon was secured by Art Wainwright of Boulder. The Yellow-billed Loon now has been recorded on the Denver Christmas Bird Count on three of the last six counts-a truly remarkable event.

WILD TURKEY (1) recorded only twice before in 32 years, was found by John Bregar about one-half mile up the Mt. Lindo access road.

PINE WARBLER (1, winter plumaged male) recorded only once before (a single bird in 1979) has been visiting a feeder at the Fischer residence in southwest Denver since 12/10/86.

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE (1) recorded only twice before this year (1 bird in 1962, 1 bird in 1969). This bird has been coming to the Axtell's yard and was seen on the count day. Last year the Axtells had the Cape May Warbler (what next?).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW (1, winter adult) recorded only twice before this year (single birds in 1967 and 1984) was seen by Kathy Hawkins and her party at the Bear Creek Lake Park.

New maximum individual numbers were achieved for eight species this year: Common Goldeneye-198 (192 in 1977), Bufflehead-83 (69 in 1981), Hooded Merganser-35 (31 in 1981), Sharp-shinned Hawk-8 (7 in 1976), Ring-billed Gull-4198 (3563 in 1977), Herring Gull-421 (132 in 1979), Thayer's Gull-5 (1 in 1975 and in subsequent years on three other counts), Scrub Jay-167 (147 in 1982). On the other side of the ledger, extremely low counts were recorded for American Tree Sparrows-146 (which over the last fifteen years have averaged almost 1100 per count), and White-crowned Sparrow-6 (which have averaged nearly 50 over the past 10 counts).

The ten most numerous species, as usual, were as follows: Ring-billed Gull-4198, Canada Goose-3236 (down a bit), European Starling-1645, Mallard-1456, House Sparrow-1161, House Finch-1031, Rock Dove-983, Black-billed Magpie-964, Dark-eyed Junco (all races)-904, Red-winged Blackbird-698.

A summary of the 1986 Denver Christmas Bird Count on an Area-by-Area basis follows.

PARTICIPANTS BY AREA (Leaders underlined)

- AREA 1: Red Rocks Park (RRP). Winston William Brockner, Sylvia Brockner, Albert & Jacqueline Crowden, Mel Gabel, Else & Tom Van Erp, Buck Yoder.
- AREA 2: Lower Bear Creek (LBCK). Bob Spencer, Barbara Bridges, Mary Jane Schock, Neil Ward.
- AREA 2A: Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP). Kathy Hawkins, Norm Erthal, Richard Hale, David Hutchinson.
- AREA 3: Bow/Mar-Marston (BMAR). Tina Jones, Jack & Tressa Coss, Dianne Koshak, Colin, Eric & Sue Larson, Randy Lentz, Chris Martin.
- AREA 4A: Lower South Platte (LSPR). Ruth Wheeler, Bobby Ausfahl, Mary Jane Black, Virginia Bleck, Peggy Duffy, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Jean Maguire, Floyd Pendell, Nickie Pliler, Don & Jo Shrode, Claude Vallieres.
- AREA 4B: Lower South Platte (LSPR). Dick Schottler, John Schenck.
- AREA 5: Highline Canal (HLC). Harold Oliver, Lois Foreman, Donna Randolph.
- AREA 6: Plum Creek (PCK). Doug Ward, Judy Ward.
- AREA 7A: Middle South Platte (MSP). Ron Carter, Bonnie Armstrong, Dave Balogh, Bob & Nancy Gustafson, Dick Pautsch.
- AREA 7B: Middle South Platte (MSP). Hugh Kingery, Ann Bonnell, David & Sarah Christian, J. R. Guadagno, Urling Kingery, Pat McClearn, Dick Pratt.
- AREA 8: Chatfield Reservoir (CHR). Jack Reddall, Pat Brogan, Frank Davis, Jan Justice, Dorothy Reddall, Larry Vincent.
- AREA 9: Upper South Platte (USP). David Martin, Jim Allison, Maxine Stewart, Janis & Steve Straley, Vickey Trannell.
- AREA 10: Lower Deer Creek (LDC). Diana Mullineaux, Doris Cruze, Don Mullineaux.
- AREA 11: Upper Deer Creek (UDC). Ben Moore. No observers.
- AREA 12: Yegge Peak (YPK). Dan Bridges. No observers.
- AREA 13: Doublehead Mountain (DHM). Bob Righter, Rij & Sandy Righter, Andre Radatus.
- AREA 14: North Turkey Creek (NTC). Warren Finch, Holly Miller.
- AREA 15: Indian Hills (IHL). Duane Nelson, Chuck Aid.
- AREA 16: Upper Bear Creek (UB). Bill Payne. No observers.
- AREA 17: Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR). Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Keith Ketner, Joyce Matera, Mort Staatz.
- AREA 18: Garrison Gate. Covered with Area 10.
- AREA 19: Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB). Carol Hack. No observers.
- AREA 20: Willow Creek (WCK). Phil Hayes, Joe Tenbrink.
- AREA 21: Mt. Lindo to Willow Springs (MTL). John Bregar. No observers.

FEEDER WATCHERS:

PLAINS: Jane Axtell, Dick Bauer, Ann Bonnell, Margo Breen, Eleanor Buchtel, Betty Chrisman, Joe & Vergie Dooley, Marcia Ferguson, Gene & Pauline Ferrand, Phyl Fischer, Jerome & Grace Grutza, Elizabeth Harrison, Margi Hasslacher, Marie Kautsky, Barbara Livingston, Anna Magee,

FEEDER WATCHERS:

PLAINS: Dick Masteller, Barbara McKee, Nita Sarver, Mary Nigro, Janet Shin,
(cont). Anne Southcott, Donald Wargo.

FOOTHILLS: Faye Benway, Marjory Friedman, Matt Hrebar, Dieter Kamm, Lila Kint,
Grace McKinney, Doris & Harold McLaughlin, M. S. M'Gillycuddy,
Vera Nicodemus, Leonard & Mary Paris, David Stephenson, Helen
Waters.

PART ONE

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCP	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLC	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CHR	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC
<u>YELLOW-BILLED LOON</u>					1									
Pied-billed Grebe					6	1			1		2			
Western Grebe											1			
Great Blue Heron		1	1	7	3	17	3		3	6				
Canada Goose		386	19	422	658	480	180	25	107	40	250			
Wood Duck				10	2									
Green-winged Teal		25		3	1	16		10		6				
Mallard		301	28	258	373	150	23	25	40	115	5	17		
Northern Pintail		25		2	9	30								
Northern Shoveler				2		4			1					
Gadwall		10	12		8	28								
American Wigeon		57		46	56	23			2	4				
Canvasback					4						2			
Redhead					7	8								
Ring-necked Duck					160	54								
<u>Greater Scaup</u>											2			
Lesser Scaup					15	6	4		3					
Common Goldeneye			14	18	49	46	14		20	13	20			
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>						1ma								
Bufflehead				1	1	65			1		15			
Hooded Merganser					30				2	2	1			
Common Merganser			6		250	17			1		17			
Red-br. Merganser					4					1				
Ruddy Duck					2						5			
Bald Eagle						1ad		1ad				1im		
Sharp-shinned Hawk				3										
Cooper's Hawk				1										
Northern Goshawk								1ad						
Red-tailed Hawk														
"Western" race	2	3	4	1	6	5	1	3	4	4	4		2	1
"Harlan's" race					1									
Ferruginous Hawk	1	1												
Rough-legged Hawk											1		1	
Buteo sp.			2		3					1			1	
Golden Eagle	2ad											3		
American Kestrel		2	4	2	2	1	2	1	3	1	3	1		
Merlin			1fe											
Prairie Falcon						1	2				1	1		
Ring-necked Pheasant				3				2		1	1			
Virginia Rail								3		1				
American Coot			1	14	250	16	5			7	140			
Killdeer				2	4	3		5						
Common Snipe		1		3	1	1		1	6					
Ring-billed Gull		89	1	22	4000	55	2		2	1	25			

PART ONE (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCP	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLC	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CHR	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC
California Gull					2									
Herring Gull			1		400	8		1		3	8			
Thayer's Gull					5									
Gull sp.						45								
Rock Dove	34	187	51	126	227	60	1		11	2	3			
Eastern Screech-Owl								1						
Screech-Owl sp.			1											
Great Horned Owl		1		5	2			7	7		1		3	
Belted Kingfisher		4	1	5	4	4		1	6	7		2		
Downy Woodpecker	2	1	1	2	3	1		8	1	4	1	2		2
Hairy Woodpecker			1										1	2
Northern Flicker														
"Red-shafted" race	7	14	18	17	23	7	1	15	2	12	2	6	1	
Horned Lark							25	8	2	13	7			
Steller's Jay												30	47	
Blue Jay		3		1	8									
Scrub Jay	28								2			17	20	
Black-billed Magpie	53	76	97	109	57	53	25	50	26	64	20	23	42	2
American Crow	1			1	2		16	45	2	9	1	83	2	
Common Raven	3	3	2	1		3		4			1	3	3	1
Black-cap. Chickadee	16	13	12	12	10	18	10	42	33	67	2	21	18	47
Mountain Chickadee				1	1							1	10	23
Bushtit												4		
Red-br. Nuthatch				2	1									5
White-br. Nuthatch														2
Brown Creeper		4	1	1				4	1				1	
Canyon Wren	3													
Winter Wren									1					
Marsh Wren								1						
American Dipper	1		2	3					4	10	1	9		
Townsend's Solitaire	26	3		2	5		1			3		14	4	6
American Robin	3	32		6	7							4		
Bohemian Waxwing		75				23								
Northern Shrike	1				2				1			1		
European Starling	7	192	57	231	120	130	77	50	28	7	10		16	
Rufous-sided Towhee	2				2	1		1	2	2				1
Am. Tree Sparrow	2		73	2	6		1	30	2	5	10			
Song Sparrow		10	21	14	7	12	1	45	14	58	9	7		
Swamp Sparrow								1						
White-thr. Sparrow			2											
GOLDEN-CR. SPARROW			1											
White-cr. Sparrow			3		2						1			
Harris' Sparrow					1				1					
Dark-eyed Junco	12					2			2	2			6	
"White-wing." race	6												1	
"Slate-color" race	6	1		1	5			1	2	3		7	5	3
"Oregon" race	74	29	44	13	9		20	1	20	6		21	1	1
"Gray-headed" race	44	5		3					10	2		3	10	2
Red-winged Blackbird		336		1	87	130	25	20	18	2				
Western Meadowlark		1					7			6				
Rusty Blackbird								1						
Brewer's Blackbird							28							

PART ONE (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCP	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLC	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CHR	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC
Rosy Finch														
"Gray-crown." race	4													
"Black" race	12													
House Finch	25	28	51	56	80	9	10	2	3	9		4	6	
Pine Siskin	1						4						20	
American Goldfinch			5	2	3			10	2	5	2			
Evening Grosbeak					2		7	2						25
House Sparrow	1	122		91	140	17	64	1						
TOTAL SPECIES	24	32	32	43	55	40	28	36	38	34	34	22	18	14
RACES	4	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	3	2
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	379	2041	538	1528	7129	1552	559	429	399	504	575	258	204	170

PART TWO

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15 IHL	16 UB	17 KCR	19 MWB	20 WCK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
YELLOW-BILLED LOON												1
Pied-billed Grebe												10
Western Grebe												1
Great Blue Heron												41
Canada Goose								81		588		3236
Wood Duck												12
Green-winged Teal												61
Mallard						7	2	8		104		1456
Northern Pintail												66
Northern Shoveler												7
Gadwall												58
American Wigeon										3		191
Canvasback												6
Redhead												15
Ring-necked Duck												214
Greater Scaup												3
Lesser Scaup												28
Common Goldeneye								4				198
Barrow's Goldeneye												1
Bufflehead												83
Hooded Merganser												35
Common Merganser								3				294
Red-br. Merganser												5
Ruddy Duck												7
Bald Eagle												2a1i
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1					1	2		1		8
Cooper's Hawk												1
Northern Goshawk											1	2
Accipiter sp.										1		1
Red-tailed Hawk												
"Western" race	1			2		2		3	1	1		50
"Harlan's" race												1
Ferruginous Hawk						2		1				5
Rough-legged Hawk						1						3

PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15 IHL	16 UB	17 KCR	19 MWB	20 WCK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
Buteo sp.						2						9
Golden Eagle					1a			1ad	1im			8a3i
American Kestrel						4		4				30
Merlin												1
Prairie Falcon						1		1				7
Ring-necked Pheasant												7
Blue Grouse			3									3
Wild Turkey			1									1
Virginia Rail												4
American Coot												433
Killdeer												14
Common Snipe										1		14
Ring-billed Gull								1				4198
California Gull												2
Herring Gull												421
Thayer's Gull												5
Gull sp.												45
Rock Dove						161	16	70		34		983
Eastern Screech-Owl												1
Screech-Owl sp.												1
Great Horned Owl						4						30
Northern Pygmy-Owl											1	1
Belted Kingfisher												34
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	2	3		3	3			10	6	57
Hairy Woodpecker	5	3	2	5					1	1	4	25
Northern Flicker												
"Red-shafted" race	1	1		2		4	1	5	5	54	3	201
Horned Lark												55
Steller's Jay	37	15	15	16			8		3	3	107	281
Blue Jay						1		5		31		49
Scrub Jay				2	1	25	36	3	9	20	4	167
Black-billed Magpie	2	10	15	22	7	44	42	24	20	69	12	964
American Crow		19	5	10		16		4	3	6	16	241
Common Raven	9	5	5	5		16	5	2	1		3	75
Black-cap. Chickadee	1		2	10	9	10	22		10	37	31	453
Mountain Chickadee	71	84	20	59					8	1	61	340
Bushtit												4
Red-br. Nuthatch				2						1	3	14
White-br. Nuthatch	3	4	1	17					1		5	33
Pygmy Nuthatch	31	57	30	81					6		17	222
Brown Creeper	2	1		5								20
Canyon Wren				1					1			5
Winter Wren												1
Marsh Wren												1
American Dipper							2					32
Golden-cr. Kinglet	7		4	13					4			28
Townsend's Solitaire	1	9	4	15	5	10	7		15	1	2	133
American Robin					2	1	1	2	7	2		67
Brown Thrasher										1		1
Bohemian Waxwing										88		
Northern Shrike		1										6
European Starling	2	1		14	1	119	20	218		345		1645

PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15 IHL	16 UB	17 KCR	19 MWB	20 WCK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
PINE WARBLER										1ma		1
Green-tailed Towhee										1		1
Rufous-sided Towhee							3			4		18
Am. Tree Sparrow				1			1			13		146
Song Sparrow							5	1				204
Swamp Sparrow												1
White-thr. Sparrow												2
GOLDEN-CR. SPARROW												1
White-cr. Sparrow												6
Harris' Sparrow										1		3
Dark-eyed Junco			3			4	25	4		27	41	128
"White-wing." race	1		1	1		2	1		3	28		44
"Slate-color" race		3	1	1	1	9	4	2	4	71	21	151
"Oregon" race		3	1	7	2	14	58	3	15	19	8	369
"Gray-headed" race	12	1	5	23	1	1	31		18	23	18	212
Red-winged Blackbird						40	3	25		11		698
Western Meadowlark												14
Rusty Blackbird												1
Brewer's Blackbird												28
Rosy Finch											7	7
"Gray-crown." race	35											39
"Black" race												12
Cassin's Finch	3	2	6	1						8	33	53
House Finch				2	2	199	32	85		402	26	1031
Red Crossbill									2			2
Pine Siskin	70	19	10				18			23	44	209
American Goldfinch		1				2				26		58
Evening Grosbeak	105	23								14	25	203
House Sparrow				17		126	62	85		435		1161
TOTAL SPECIES	20	20	17	24	9	24	22	25	19	36	22	102
RACES	1	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	3	3	2	5
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	400	264	136	337	32	830	409	647	138	2510	499	22467

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IN MEMORIAN: We regret to announce the death of one of our DFO members, VIRGINIA HAM, who passed away on January 6, 1987. Virginia not only enjoyed birdwatching, but took great pleasure in all of the wonders of nature and the great outdoors.

A special thanks for contributions to the Rare Bird Alert: Don Groves, John and Eleanor Buchtel, Evan Hannay, Duane Nelson.

-- Dave Martin

NOTICES

WE NEED HELP! Our 5-year old, over-used Rare Bird Alert machine needs replacing. The Rare Bird Alert is operated by contributions. The EXPENSES SO FAR HAVE NOT come from member dues. Lets keep it that way. If you use and enjoy the best Rare Bird Alert in the country, please contribute. Send contributions to Bob Righter, Treasurer.

Hutchinson Marsh Inventory

The Denver Parks Department has discovered a piece of wildlife habitat within the City which it proposes to maintain as a wildlife preserve. In Hutchinson Park, this cattail marsh, south of Cornell/Dartmouth and west of Quebec/Tamarac, and south of Bible Park, covers about 5 acres. In order to develop plans for wildlife observation decks, a committee headed by Neil Sparandeo from the Parks Department (who originated the idea), has agreed to inventory the birds, mammals, and plants of this small area.

We seek volunteers who can spend an hour or two per week or per month to survey the area. We plan to conduct our census from now until August, in order to find out what birds use the marsh in winter, migration, and for nesting. Please contact me if you'd like to participate.

-- Hugh Kingery (333-0161)

Birdwatching for Beginners

Denver Audubon Society will again sponsor a springtime class for beginning birdwatchers starting March 5.

The course features six Saturday morning field trips to favorite Metro birding places, such as Chatfield Reservoir, Barr Lake, Red Rocks, and Genessee Park, plus an evening introductory session and an evening at the ornithology department of the Museum of Natural History. The indoor sessions are on Thursday, March 5 and April 2, while the field trips will run from March 7 to April 18 (no trip on March 21).

The course objective is to teach beginners how to identify birds on their own. It covers all the basics of birdwatching--field guides and how to use them, equipment, and the birds themselves. The instructors are Hugh and Urling Kingery, who have taught this popular course for five years.

Tuition for the eight-session course is \$80. You may enroll by sending a check, along with your name, address, and daytime and evening telephone numbers, to Denver Audubon, 1720 Race St., Denver 80206. For further information call the office at 399-3219.

The Nature Conservancy

Volunteers are needed to assist in completing various projects, mainly consisting of data entry on the IBM Personal Computer (computer skill not necessary, but typing skill is). This position is for someone who appreciates pleasant working conditions. If interested please contact:

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TUESDAY, March 3, 1987

Biology of a Cattail Marsh

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JANUARY 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- January 3, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, "Coors' Pond", Clear Creek ponds, Mount Olivet Cemetery (WGB). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Nancy Boyd & Children, Ron Carter, Mary Dexter, Sarah Dexter, Dan George, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Jack Reddall, Norma & Joe Shwed, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly clear; Wind, E 0-10 MPH; 10°-45°). 31 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7.5 hours. (45 species, 1001 individuals)
- 4, Sunday. Chatfield SRA and McLelland Reservoir (CHAT). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Ron Carter, Don Galletti, Irv Jackson, C.W. Kelly, Randy Lentz, Tim Schowalter, Joe Shwed, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy, 0" to 8" of snow cover; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 25°-60°). 18 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 5.5 hours. (34 species, 1096 individuals)

- January 5, Monday. Northeastern Colorado: Bennett, Colorado. Hwy. 79 to Weld Co. Rds. 4&73; Morgan Co. Rds. B,3,U; Bijou Reservoir; Muir Springs Park; Red Lion SWA; Jumbo Reservoir (NECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Cloudy becoming partly cloudy; Wind, NE 5-10 MPH; 41°-50°). 374 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 11 hours. (47 species, 42,504 individuals)
- 10, Saturday. South Platte River-Urban (SPRU). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Mary Dexter, Alan & Dee Hay, Irv Jackson, Lyle Jordan, Hazel Kellogg, Floyd Pendell, Jack Reddall, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe & Norma Shwed, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear, 2" of snow cover; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 18°-40°). 16 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. 4 hours. (29 species, 2366 individuals)
- 11, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal & Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Randy Lentz, Joe Tenbrink. (Clear; Wind, calm; 30°-55°) 56 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6.5 hours. (32 species, 2541 individuals)
- 17, Saturday. Ponds and lakes, Littleton to Wheat Ridge: Centennial Park, Sloan's Lake, McLellan Reservoir, Gallop Park, Prospect Park, Littleton Park and gravel pits, South Platte River at Bowles Ave. & Overland Park (L/WR). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: None. (Partly cloudy, clearing; 2"-6" of new snow; fresh water mostly frozen, minus 3° to plus 24°). (39 species, 7865 individuals)
- 18, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RR). Leader: Warren Rinch. Observers: Ron Carter, Alan & Dee Hay, Randy Lentz, Dick Schottler. (Clear becoming mostly cloudy; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 32° dropping to 20°). 0 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 3 hours. (14 species, 3 races, 103 individuals)
- 19, Monday. Denver to Idalia, Bonny Reservoir SRA, South Republican SWA & Hale Ponds (BONNY). Observers: David Martin, Duane Nelson, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler. (Sky obscured in moderate snow up to 50 miles east of Denver, high, then overcast at Bonny Reservoir; Wind, N 10-20 MPH; 25°-38° falling to 18° late P.M.) 375 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. (47 species, 21,324 individuals)
- 24, Saturday. Boulder area: Bear Mountain Drive, Baseline Reservoir, Valmont Reservoir, Walden Ponds, Boulder Creek at 75th Street (BLDR). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Irma Appeltgren, Walter Collins, Norm Erthal, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Irv Jackson, Linda Morrill, Dick Pautsch, Dick Pratt, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, Frances Sperl, Helen Stiles-Wainwright, Art Wainwright. (Partly cloudy, clearing by mid-morning; 6"-12" of snow cover; Wind, WNW 0-30 MPH; 23°-43°). 21 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot, 6.5 hours. (53 species, 1423 individuals)
- 25, Sunday. Bear Creek, plains to foothills (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: C.W. Kelly, Dan Laszlo, Mary Laszlo, Hugh Ravatt. (Partly sunny; Wind, light; 35°-55°). 25 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 6 hours. (31 species, 232 individuals)
- 27, Tuesday. Southern Denver Metro area: Cherry Creek Village, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Sedalia, Louviers, Waterton, Chatfield Reservoir SRA, McLellan Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (SMET). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW 0-10 MPH; 32°-60°). 112 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 10.5 hours. (50 species, 3378 individuals)
- 31, Saturday. Southcentral Colorado: Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs SWA, Pueblo Reservoir SRA, Burnt Mill Road & Crow Cut-off (SCC). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: John Bregan, Alan Hay, Bob Spencer. (Overcast to partly cloudy; Wind, SE 0-15 MPH; 33°-55°). 300 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 12 hours. (48 species, 1602 individuals)

JANUARY 1987 AREA HABITAT	3 WGB PLN	4 CHAT PLNS	5 NECOL PLAIN	10 SPRU PLNS	11 BARR PLNS	17 L/WR PLNS	18 RR FH	19 BONNY PLAIN	24 BLDR PLNS	25 BC PF	27 SMET PLFN	31 SCC P/F
Pied-billed Grebe	3	4							4			
Horned Grebe									1			
Western Grebe									5			
Great Blue Heron				2		8			1		1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				1a1i		2						
Tundra Swan	1im											
Greater White-fronted Goose								1ad				
Snow Goose ("White" form)			12a1i									
Ross' Goose			1ad									
Canada Goose	375	377	15000	1375	650	4829		800	60	42	200	435
Wood Duck	2					3						
Green-winged Teal	18		2ma	5		28		2	14	16	10	
Mallard	84	17	25000	190	400	812		15000	85	16	150	
Northern Pintail			3ma	4	15	6		1ma	6	9		
Northern Shoveler			1ma	45	1000	309			55			
Gadwall	2		20	35	30	80			3	12		
American Wigeon	20		50	75	4	142		50	48			6fe
Canvasback		12							1		1ma	
Redhead	23	12				32			60			
Ring-necked Duck	48	30				34			65	1	30	
Greater Scaup		2m1f									4m2f	
Lesser Scaup	7			8	8	84			1fe			
Oldsquaw	2fe								1ma			
Common Goldeneye	10	32	75	80	12	103		8	6m4f	1	40	1
Bufflehead	1fe	5		3		38			4fe		1ma	
Hooded Merganser	1fe	4		13		8			5m6f		2m4f	
Common Merganser	50	279	1500	6	75	139		7	260	1	460	200
Red-breasted Merganser	5	5							2m2f		1ma	
Ruddy Duck									2			
Bald Eagle		1ad	9a11i		5a1i			2a2i	1ad			1ad
Northern Harrier								2ma	1ma		1fe	2fe
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1					1ad	1			
Northern Goshawk		1ad						1ad			1ad	
Accipiter sp.							1					
Red-tailed Hawk												
"Western" races			2		2			3	4	3	2	22
Ferruginous Hawk			1ad		7				1			4
Rough-legged Hawk			14	1	7			5				1
Golden Eagle			7		3						1ad	
American Kestrel	2	3	8	3	2	2		5	6	4	3	8
Merlin						1						
"Richardson's" race			1									
Prairie Falcon	1	1				1		3	1			
Ring-necked Pheasant								1ma		1		1ma
American Coot	15	140		4		80			45			80
Virginia Rail											2-H	
Killdeer	4		1	2		5			1			
Greater Yellowlegs	1											
Common Snipe	8								1	7		
Ring-billed Gull	77	42	150	315		503			200	12	2000	100
Herring Gull	1	8	100	20		2					100	2

JANUARY 1987 AREA HABITAT	3 WGB PLN	4 CHAT PLNS	5 NECOL PLAIN	10 SPRU PLNS	11 BARR PLNS	17 L/WR PLNS	18 RR FH	19 BONNY PLAIN	24 BLDR PLNS	25 BC PF	27 SMET PLFN	31 SCC P/F
Thayer's Gull				1ad								
Glaucous Gull			1im								1im	
Rock Dove	74	29	10	73	6	349	15	7	150	12	25	150
Eastern Screech-Owl	1#											
Great Horned Owl		2	2ad		1		2N	2ad				3ad
Short-eared Owl								1ad				
Belted Kingfisher	2			2		3			1m1f	2	2	4
Lewis' Woodpecker												1
Red-bellied Woodpecker								1fe				
Downy Woodpecker	3	2	1		4	1						1-H
"Eastern" races								4	2	2		
Hairy Woodpecker											1fe	
"Rocky Mountain" race											1fe	
"Eastern" races								2				
Northern Flicker			12			2		7				
"Yellow-shafted" race	4	1		1	3		1		4	4	2	
Horned Lark		5	25		12			4500			1	2
Steller's Jay									3		2	
Blue Jay	2		4					18	2		2	
Scrub Jay							4			1	7	11
Black-billed Magpie	29	16	20	20	60	32	10	8	12	16	90	45
American Crow		1	3			11		3	35		6	4
Common Raven		2				3				2	5	7
Black-capped Chickadee	2	11	18		7	2		75	2	2	9	8
Mountain Chickadee										1		1
Plain Titmouse												2
White-breasted Nuthatch											1	3
Brown Creeper	2										1	
Canyon Wren							1				1-H	
Marsh Wren	1		1									
American Dipper	3			1						2	3	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet											2	
Eastern Bluebird								4m2f				
Mountain Bluebird												1ma
Townsend's Solitaire	1		1				6	5	1	2	3	9
American Robin			30					30	3	2	11	4
Water Pipit						1						
Bohemian Waxwing	60					150			2			
Cedar Waxwing			30									
Northern Shrike							1	1ad			1ad	1ad
Loggerhead Shrike												2
European Starling	16	21	140	62	35	33	1	80	120	15	30	45
Northern Cardinal								1fe				
Rufous-sided Towhee												
"Spotted" races												5ma
Brown Towhee												5
American Tree Sparrow	11	6	4	6	100			175		10		75
Song Sparrow	6	11	7		4	8	1	5	1	2	3	20
Golden-crowned Sparrow										1		
White-crowned Sparrow									4			
"Gambel's" race			4a1i					8				1ad
Harris' Sparrow					1		5	3a7i				1im

JANUARY 1987 AREA HABITAT	3 WGB PLN	4 CHAT PLNS	5 NECOL PLAIN	10 SPRU PLNS	11 BARR PLNS	17 L/WR PLNS	18 RR FH	19 BONNY PLAIN	24 BLDR PLNS	25 BC PF	27 SMET PLFN	31 SCC P/F
Dark-eyed Junco	4	3										
"White-winged" race							1		1			
"Slate-colored" race			5		1			120	5	10		1
"Oregon" race	1	1	12		8		7	50	7	2		40
"Gray-headed" race							1		5	3		2
Lapland Longspur								5				
Snow Bunting			2									
Red-winged Blackbird	5	5	130		45	8		60	2		17	300
Western Meadowlark					6			7			1	1
Rosy Finch												
"Gray-crowned" race							10					
"Black" race							30					
House Finch	5		3		8		6	2	12	16	15	5
Pine Siskin			10					15	50		2	4
American Goldfinch			25		5			200				3
Evening Grosbeak											1m1f	
House Sparrow	8	4	30	12	20	10		20	35		35	25
TOTAL SPECIES - [105]	45	34	47	29	32	39	14	47	53	31	50	48

ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a;
Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima;
Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H;
Plains=PLNS,pln,pl,p; Foothills=FOOT,FHL,
FH,F; Mountains=MTNS,mtn,mt,m; Observed
on nest in hole in red sandstone=N;
"maxwelliae" race=#.

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE: Instructions For Submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports should be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983) order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location. Please refer to the Supplement to LARK BUNTING, Volume 21, Number 3 (December 1985) for instructions on submitting written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not get published in the current month.
4. Send additional reports to Jack Reddall, 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, CO 80111.

Greater White-fronted Goose 1-3 (2 immatures) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick CO. (DB).
Snow Goose 1-13 (3 adults-"White" form), Bonny Reservoir SRA, Yuma Co. (AH,JR): 1-27 through
1-31 (1 adult-"White" form) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe CO. (DR,JR).

Greater Scaup 1-2 (4 males, 3 females) Chatfield Reservoir SRA, Jefferson Co. (KH, JR);
 1-21 (2 adult males, 1 immature male, 2 females), Prospect Lake, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt,
 Jefferson Co. (DN).
 Oldsquaw 1-1 through 1-14 (2 females) "Coors' Pond" at West 32nd Avenue & Gardenia,
 Jefferson Co. (DN, M.ob.) 1-1 through 1-24 (1 male) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder Co.
 (BJ, DW, M.ob.)
 Barrow's Goldeneye. All month (1 male, 1 female) along South Platte River at various points
 from below Chatfield Dam to Florida Ave. bridge (DN, M.ob.)
 Red-breasted Merganser 1-24 (2 males, 1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (KH, JR)
 Ruddy Duck 1-1 (1 male, 1 female) McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
 Cooper's Hawk 1-11 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 1-13 (1 adult) Bonny Reservoir
 SRA (JR).
 Northern Goshawk 1-11 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)
 Merlin 1-13 (1, "Richardson's" race) Bonny Reservoir SRA (AH, JR); 1-18 (1, "Richardson's" race)
 Jumbo Reservoir (JB).
 Blue Grouse 1-1 (2) Shadow Canyon, Boulder Co. (JB)
 Greater Yellowlegs. All month (1) along Clear Creek, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN, M.ob.)
 Common Snipe 1-17 (3) Plum Creek, Chatfield Reservoir SRA (JB)
 Bonaparte's Gull 1-10 (4 adults, 4 immatures) Pueblo Reservoir SRA, Pueblo Co. (DB)
 Thayer's Gull 1-1 (1 immature) McLellan Reservoir (JR).
 Glaucous Gull 1-24 & 1-27 (1, 2nd winter immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (KH, JR)
 Long-eared Owl 1-11 (2 adults) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Red-bellied Woodpecker 1-10 (3) Hale, Yuma Co. (JB); 1-10 (1) Foster Grove Campground,
 Bonny Reservoir SRA (JB); 1-13 (1) South Republican SWA, Yuma Co. (AH, JR)
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1-9 through 1-13 (1 immature female) 1210 Illinois Ave., Golden,
 Jefferson Co. (WF, M.ob.) - written documentation (JR)
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 1-24 (1) Indian Park (Colo. Hwy. 67), Douglas Co. (KH, JR)
 Winter Wren 1-1 (1) Shadow Canyon, Boulder Co. (JB)
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 1-1 (2) Shadow Canyon, Boulder Co. (JB); 1-10 (1) Foster Grove
 Campground, Bonny Reservoir SRA (JB); 1-11 (2) Golden Gate S.P., Jefferson Co. (DN);
 1-25 (3) Shadow Canyon, Boulder Co. (JB)
 Eastern Bluebird 1-10 (6) South Republican SWA, Yuma Co. (JB)
 American Robin 1-31 (80 "early Spring migrants"). Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (DB)
 Water Pipit 1-17 (1) Arkansas River west of Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (DB)
 Yellow-rumped Warbler 1-4 (1, "Myrtle" race) Boulder Creek at 75th Street, Boulder Co. (BJ)
 1-25 (1, "Myrtle" race) South Platte River north of Veterans Park, Brighton, Adams Co. (DB)
 Pine Warbler 1-1 through 1-17 (1 male) 5940 West Milan Place, Jefferson Co. (PB, M.ob.)
 Northern Cardinal 1-10 through 1-19 (1 female) near Hale at intersection of Co. Rds. 4 & LL.5,
 Yuma Co. (JB)
 Golden-crowned Sparrow. All month (1 winter adult). Bear Creek Lake Park, Jefferson Co. (KL, M.ob.)
 Harris' Sparrow 1-10 (6) Bonny Reservoir SRA & South Republican SWA, Yuma Co. (JB); 1-13 (6)
 South Republican SWA (AH, JR); 1-25 (1) South Platte River south of Brighton, Adams Co. (DB)
 Lapland Longspur 1-18 (4) 12 miles south of Wiggins, Morgan Co. (JB); 1-18 (2) Jumbo Reservoir
 (JB)
 Snow Bunting 1-1 through 1-24 (2) Jumbo Reservoir (JR, M.ob.)
 Rosy Finch 1-24 (75, "Gray-crowned" race) intersection of Co. Rds. 67 & 97 at South Platte
 River, Douglas Co. (KH, JR)
 Cassin's Finch 1-24 (5) along Co. Rd. 97 near Foxton, Jefferson Co. (KH, JR); 1-25 (1 male)
 at feeder, 31428 Burke Rd., Golden, Jefferson Co. (DN)
 Red Crossbill 1-1 (3) 31428 Burke Rd., Golden (DN)

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INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111. PLEASE NOTE: Submitting Field Trip summaries in Sixth S.O.U. Check-List order saves the compiler considerable time and trouble since his work sheets are laid out in this manner. Also, it is very helpful if Field Trip summaries are not held until the 5th of the following month (final due date).
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered by car and on foot and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - "white" form vs. "blue" form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - "Baltimore" race vs. "Bullock's" race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine).
5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summary.
6. Please notify Jack Reddall (771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

Compiling monthly data of Field Trips is an important and time consuming task. Field Trip Leaders can assist greatly by adhering to the above instructions.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1987

- March 1, Sunday. Fairmont Cemetery and Windsor Lake. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Mortuary on Quebec, south of Alameda.*
- 7, Saturday. Boulder Area. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool at 6:45 a.m. at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church on southeast corner of W. 38th and Wadsworth. Turn south on Vance St. on east side of church. Meet leader at 7:30 a.m. at shopping center on southeast corner of Baseline and Broadway.*
- 8, Sunday. Red Rocks. Leader: Bob Fleming (279-8122). Meet at 1 p.m. at the Trading Post. Rosy finches.
- 14, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 7 a.m. at Park-n-Ride, Wadsworth south of Hwy 285 or 7:15 a.m. at Park entrance.*
- 15, Sunday. Local Option: Barr Lake State Park. Meet at Park entrance at 7:30 a.m. - Choose leader at site. Special trip to southeast Colorado, weather permitting. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Call if interested for time and meeting place.*
- 21, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. D.F.O. and Aiken Audubon Society. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Contact person, Colorado Springs: Toni Brevillier (635-3838). Meet at the West Gate at 7:00 a.m.*
- 22, Sunday. McLellan Reservoir. Daniels Park. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Safeway on South Logan and Hwy 285 (Hampden).*

March 28, Saturday. Northwest Denver ponds and lakes. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970).
Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Sloan's Lake, Wadsworth & 25th (Byron Ct.) *

29, Sunday. Bear Creek. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Bear
Valley Shopping Center (southwest of Burlington Coat Factory) *

March 13, 14 & 15. WHOPPING CRANE FESTIVAL at Monte Vista. Write to:

Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce
1125 Park Ave., Monte Vista CO 81144

*Bring lunch

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer 279-4682
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The D.F.O. received from C.W. & M.A. Kelly in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Willis L. Kelly, a fine
tape machine that will be used with our other Rare Bird Alert machinery.

NOTICES

Attention all naturalists concerned about the possible construction of the Two Forks Dam!
The Environmental Caucus, which comprises about fifteen different environmentally conscious
groups, is putting together a concerted effort to inform the public about all the things that
are wrong with the proposed Two Forks project. This will be done shortly after the arrival of
the EIS which is due at the end of January. Volunteers for a variety of public relations
chores are needed, and your help would be greatly appreciated. To find out where, when and how
you can help, call Rocky Smith at 393-0466. He is coordinating the effort. Thanks, and if
you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 761-4473.

-- Bill Payne

Denver Audubon Society announces the 13th Annual Grassland Institute, to be held June 14-20 at the Pawnee National Grassland near Briggsdale, Colorado. The Institute draws on the arts, sciences, and humanities to familiarize participants with the short-grass prairie ecosystem. Field trips and evening programs cover such topics as grassland botany, insects, birds and other vertebrates, geology, meteorology, anthropology and archeology, coal mining, and land reclamation. Participants will camp out for six nights under the cottonwood trees. Meals, transportation on field trips, and instruction are all included in the tuition of \$325. To obtain a descriptive folder and registration form, please call Denver Audubon at 399-3219.

Note from your Editor: It is with regret that I inform you that I will be leaving the Denver area and moving to Colorado Springs. It will be difficult to live there and be your editor at the same time. I have enjoyed putting together the Lark Bunting this past year and hope that I have been of help in informing the members of all the news. I am sure that if anyone would like to be the Editor of our newsletter, volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Please contact our President, Kathy Hawkins if you are interested. Thank you.

-- Linda Emmert

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, WITH EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M., DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 7, 1987

PROGRAM: "Copper River Delta and Orca Inlet, Alaska" with J. G. Strauch, Jr.,
Adjoint Curator, University of Colorado Museum.

Dr. Strauch will discuss wildlife and habitats of this huge intertidal flat, through which pass, each spring, over 20 million waterfowl and shorebirds.

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1987 - MEMBERSHIP DUES - 1987

1987 Membership Dues are payable now! Current members who have not paid their 1987 dues by March 31, 1987, will have their names purged from the Club's address list and will no longer receive the Lark Bunting. So be sure that you are paid up before the deadline. It has been a long standing Club policy that memberships must be renewed every January 1st irrespective of the date of joining the Denver Field Ornithologists. Membership is \$10.00 per year which includes all members of a family. Students, 18 and under, may have a separate membership for \$5.00. Dues for Senior Citizens are also \$5.00. Your 1987 Membership Dues should be remitted to the Club Treasurer, Mr. Robert Righter - 2358 S. Fillmore St., Denver, Colorado 80210.

The Club would like to express its thanks to Linda Emmert, our most recent Editor of the Lark Bunting for doing such a superb job over the past several months. Linda and her husband, Don, have been transferred to Colorado Springs which forced her to relinquish her duties as Editor. We wish them both well at their new location. The Club desperately needs a new Editor to replace Linda. Anyone interested should contact Kathy Hawkins (757-0809) or Hugh Kingery (333-0161) as soon as possible so that we may continue publishing the Lark Bunting without interruption.

FEBRUARY 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- FEBRUARY 1, Sunday. Southcentral Colorado: Penrose, Canyon City, Pueblo Reservoir, Colorado Springs SWA (SCC). Observers: David Martin, Duane Nelson. (Partly cloudy; windy). 143 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9 hours. (43 species, 102 individuals).
- 1, Sunday. Chatfield Reservoir SRA and McLellan Reservoir (C/M). Leader: Ron Carter. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Peggy Duffy, Hugh Kingery, Bob Montgomery, Marty Montgomery, Joe & Norma Shwed, Anne Southcott, Jack Reddall, Ann Whitfield, Virgil Williams, Rob Wilson. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NW 5-20 MPH; 38°-60°). 20 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours. (31 species, 788 individuals).
- 6, Friday. Denver to Boulder: Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake S.P., Mile High Duck Club, Brighton, Boulder, Baseline & Valmont Reservoirs, Walden Ponds (DNBR). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, variable 0-10 MPH; 25°-57°). 160 miles by car, 2 miles on foot). 9.5 hours. (50 species, 9224 individuals).
- 7, Saturday. Feeders: Bear Creek and Deer Creek plus surrounding areas (FEEDR). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Norm Erthal, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Irv Jackson, Pearl Jordan, Freda Krolik, Floyd Pendell, Joe & Norma Shwed, Don & Jo Shrode, Dave Shugert, Anne Southcott, Joe Tenbrink, Vito Tursi. (Mostly clear; Wind, calm; 36°-71°). 35 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 8 hours. (31 species, 305 individuals).
- 8, Sunday. South Platte Urban (SPU). Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Billie Howe, Estes Howe, Anne Southcott, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy, no snow cover; Wind, variable 0-10 MPH; 30°-45°). 25 miles by car, .5 mile on foot. 4.5 hours. (21 species, 506 individuals).
- 14, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park & Vicinity (BAR). Leader: Walter Bull. Observers: Alan Hay, Billie Howe, Estes Howe, Joanna Kyhl, Carol Lofft, Harold & Betty Oliver, Tom Parchman, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz, Dot Stewitt, Joe Tenbrink. (Overcast to cloudy; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 25°-32°). 62 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 4 hours. (28 species, 508 individuals).
- 14-16, Saturday through Monday. Eastern Plains Lakes: Lake Meredith, Cheraw, John Martin Reservoir, Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Holly, Bonny Reservoir SRA, Arikaree River at Kansas border, Wray, Jumbo Reservoir, South Platte River west of Sedgwick, Sterling cemetery, Prewitt Reservoir, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir SRA (EPLKS). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Light rain Saturday, overcast Sunday, very cloudy on Monday; Wind, NE 5-20 MPH; 30°-45°). 858 miles by car, 10 miles on foot. 27 hours birding. (63 species, 16894 individuals).
- 15, Sunday. Sedalia to Castlewood Canyon State Park (SC). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Richard Hale, Irv Jackson, Vito Tursi, Claude Vallieres. (Wind, E 1-3 MPH; 21°-39°). 80 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8 hours. (42 species, 521 individuals).
- 21, Saturday. South Platte River Park (SPP). Leader: Ed Holub. Observer: Pearl Jordan. (Clear, 1"-2" of snow cover; Wind, calm; 19°-40°). 4 miles by car, 9.3 miles on foot. 8 hours. (34 species, 1820 individuals).
- 22, Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Dan Bridges, Jack Reddall, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, S 0-5 MPH; 18°-50°; 0"-4" of snow cover; reservoir only 15% ice covered). 12 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7.5 hours. (34 species, 717 individuals).

FEBRUARY 28, Saturday. Georgetown to Guanella Pass and return (GG). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: John Bregar, Rochelle Calvert, Dermst Cooper, Alicia & Dieter Kamm, Karl Kamm, Richard Kamm, Ken LaBorde, Duane Nelson, Dick Pautsch, Jack Reddall, Hal Rupp, Robert Spencer. (Clear, 6"-45" of snow cover; Wind, NW 0-25 MPH with gusts creating ground blizzards; 15°-30°). 26 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours. (17 species, 172 individuals).

FEBRUARY 1987 AREA HABITAT	1 SCC P/F	1 C/M PLN	6 DNBR PLNS	7 FEEDR PL FH	8 SPU PLN	14 BAR PLN	14-16 EPLKS PLAIN	15 SC PF	21 SPP PLN	22 CCR PLN	28 GG MT
Common Loon	3										
<u>Yellow-billed Loon</u>	<u>1</u>										
Pied-billed Grebe			1								
Horned Grebe			1			1					
Western Grebe			2								
Great Blue Heron	1		1	1	2		4		20		
Snow Goose											
"White" form			1ad				1400				
"Blue" form							4				
Canada Goose	100	346	625	40	120	139	4000	32	820	165	
Wood Duck									12		
Green-winged Teal		27	1ma		1	3	12	2	59	8	
Mallard	65	43	3100		135	86	5500	17	203	62	1
Northern Pintail		5	1000				90			8	
Northern Shoveler			1800		48	80	5				
Gadwall	4		8		22		9		23	3	
American Wigeon	8		25		50	4	25	7	50		
Canvasback		2				4	5		2	1fe	
Redhead		5	140			19	250		130	6	
Ring-necked Duck		26	600					2	38		
Lesser Scaup			3				11			5	
Common Goldeneye		27	105		56	2	7	12	10	3	
Bufflehead									17		
Hooded Merganser		4	6m7f					6	15		
Common Merganser	2	76	500	2	4	21	650	43	45	205	
Red-breasted Merganser			4ma								
Bald Eagle		1ad	1a1i			1	14a7i		1ad		
Northern Harrier	1ma		1fe		1	1	5fe			1im	
Red-tailed Hawk				1			7	10		1	
"Western" races	6	3	7						1		
Ferruginous Hawk	1	1	2			1	1		1	1	
Rough-legged Hawk	2		6			1	8	3		1	
Golden Eagle			2	1			1ad	2			1
American Kestrel			7	1	1	2	21	2	1	2	
Merlin											
"Richardson's" race			1								
Prairie Falcon				1			1				1
Ring-necked Pheasant	1		1m3f				9			3	
<u>White-tailed Ptarmigan</u>											<u>12</u>
Northern Bobwhite							25				
Scaled Quail	15										
Virginia Rail							1-H			2-H	
American Coot	6	82	75		6			95	78		
Killdeer	6	5	1		4		2	1		12	
Common Snipe							11			9	
Ring-billed Gull	15	40	75	1	13		170	2	15	5	
California Gull		<u>1</u>							<u>1</u>		
Herring Gull		<u>2</u>	15		1	9	40			15	

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Glaucous Gull							2ad				
Rock Dove	65	4	150	14	22	2	40	17	17		
Mourning Dove							1				
Great Horned Owl	2	1					4			3N	
Belted Kingfisher	1						3		6		
Lewis' Woodpecker								4			
Red-bellied Woodpecker							2				
Downy Woodpecker		2		3	2	1	9	2	4		
"Batchelder's" race										1ma	
"Eastern" races			1m1f							2fe	
Hairy Woodpecker							3				
"Rocky Mountain" race											1f
Northern Flicker					1		14				
"Red-shafted" race	3	2		8		2		3	4	3	
Horned Lark	10		10			8	60	20		5	
Gray Jay											1
Steller's Jay				15				3			3
Blue Jay			1				10	4			
Scrub Jay	20			8				15			
Clark's Nutcracker											2
Black-billed Magpie	37	31	55	5	12	11	30	20	31	36	
American Crow	6	2					10	25	1		
Common Raven	3							5		4	2
Black-capped Chickadee		17	2	38		14	45	22	24	25	
Mountain Chickadee	8			24				1			20
Plain Titmouse	8										
Bushtit	12										
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1							1
White-breasted Nuthatch				1			13				1
Pygmy Nuthatch				7							
Canyon Wren				2							
Marsh Wren							2				
American Dipper		2									
Golden-crowned Kinglet											1
Eastern Bluebird							6				
Mountain Bluebird	15						3				
Townsend's Solitaire	42		1	5			1	6			
American Robin	10		2	1			90	10			
Cedar Waxwing							10				
Northern Shrike								1		1ad	
European Starling	500	17	200	8		26	1000	51	40	20	20
Yellow-rumped Warbler											
"Myrtle" race			2								
Rufous-sided Towhee				2				3			
Brown Towhee	3										
American Tree Sparrow	25	1	10			14	330	3	72	1	
Song Sparrow	10	5	4	2		4	15		6	16	
White-crowned Sparrow	2						100	3			
Harris' Sparrow							8	3			
Dark-eyed Junco							60				
"Slate-colored" race	2			3				5		1	
"Oregon" race	18			3				22	1	19	
"Gray-headed" race				3				2			
Lapland Longspur							3				

FEBRUARY 1987 AREA HABITAT	1 SCC P/F	1 C/M PLN	6 DNBR PLNS	7 FEEDR PL FH	8 SPU PLN	14 BAR PLN	14-16 EPLKS PLAIN	15 SC PF	21 SPP PLN	28 CCR PLN	GG MT
Red-winged Blackbird	6	6	300	2		38	2500	2	70	62	
Western Meadowlark			20			3	40				
Brewer's Blackbird			100								
Common Grackle			1								
Rosy Finch											
"Gray-crowned" race											50
"Brown-capped" race											50
Cassin's Finch	1			4				2			
House Finch	20		15	37	20	2	11	15	10	2	
Pine Siskin				1	22			35			
American Goldfinch		2					65				
Evening Grosbeak	1							9			3
House Sparrow	35		220		4		70	12			2
TOTAL SPECIES=100	43	31	50	31	21	28	63	42	34	34	17

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f;
Immature=im,i; Adult=ad,a; Immature Male=ima;
Immature Female=ife; Heard only=H; Plains=PLNS, PLN,
PL,P; Foothills=FOOT, FHL, FH, F; Mountains=MT;
One adult Owl on nest=N.

CORRECTION: The five (5) Harris' Sparrows reported on the January 18, 1987 Field Trip to Red Rocks Park (Lark Bunting Vol.22, No. 5, p.51) were posted incorrectly by the compiler. They should have been shown as 5 Dark-eyed Juncos. Please correct your records.

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE: Instructions for Submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual Reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual Reports should be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983 & 1985) order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location. Please refer to the Supplement to Lark Bunting, Volume 21, Number 3 (December 1985) for instructions on submitting written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all Individual Reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not get published in the current month.
4. Send Additional Reports to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

Yellow-billed Loon 2-1 through 2-14 (1, winter plumage) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (DN, DM, M.ob.).
Horned Grebe 2-16 (2, winter plumage) Chatfield Reservoir SRA, Jefferson Co., (JR).
Western Grebe 2-16 (5) Pueblo Reservoir (DS)
Clark's Grebe 2-16 (1) Pueblo Reservoir (DS)
Cinnamon Teal 2-3 (1 male) Pueblo Reservoir (JR)

Canvasback 2-8 (2 males) McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (RH)
Greater Scaup 2-1 through 2-25 (6) Prospect Pond, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN)
Bald Eagle 2-17 (2 adults) soaring over the Barbour Ponds, Weld Co. (JR); 2-22 (1 adult) McLellan Reservoir (TJ).
Sharp-shinned Hawk 2-22 & 2-23 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
Northern Goshawk 2-1 (1) Hutchinson Marsh south of Bible Park, Denver (RH).
Golden Eagle 2-8 (1) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson Co. (RH); 2-21 (1 immature) 104th Ave. & Tower Rd., Adams Co. (TJ).
Merlin 2-15, 2-16, 2-20, 2-27 (1) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK).
Merlin ("Richardson's" race) 2-14 (1) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR); 2-16 (1 female) Pueblo Reservoir (DS).
Prairie Falcon Seen regularly all month (1) Crown Hill Open Space (DG); 2-8 (1) 55th Street near Niwot Rd., Boulder, Boulder Co. (TJ); 2-8 (1) Rabbit Mountain at Lyons off N. 55th Street, Boulder Co. (TJ); 2-21 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (TJ).
Greater Yellowlegs Seen regularly at least through 2-17 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN, M.ob.).
Laughing Gull 2-1 through 2-16 (1 first winter immature) Pueblo Reservoir SWA, Pueblo Co. (DSi, JR, M.ob.).
California Gull 2-3 (1 adult) Pueblo Reservoir SWA (JR).
Eastern Screech-Owl 2-3 (1), 2-9 (1), 2-10 (1), 2-12 (1), 2-17 (1), 2-21 (2), 2-22 (2) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH).
Northern Saw-whet Owl 2-17 (2, heard calling only) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (JR).
Lewis' Woodpecker 2-7 (3) Greenhorn east of Rye, Pueblo Co. (DB).
Canyon Wren 2-8 (1) Waterton Canyon (RH).
Bewick's Wren 2-3 (1) one mile below Pueblo Reservoir Dam along Arkansas River, Pueblo Co. (JR).
Marsh Wren 2-14 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (JR).
Golden-crowned Kinglet 2-17 (4) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2-21 (1) Pueblo Nature Area, Pueblo Co. (DB).
Varied Thrush 2-14 through 2-25 (1 male) 1600 Buckeye, Ft. Collins, Larimer Co. (PO, M.ob.).
Bohemian Waxwing Numerous reports throughout the Metro area all month. Maxima: 2-22 (125) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
Loggerhead Shrike 2-3 (1) Pueblo Reservoir SRA (JR).
Pine Warbler 2-16 through 2-20 (1 female) 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada, Jefferson Co. (AH, DH, M.ob.). Written documentation submitted (AH). This is a different bird than the one reported during December and January at the Fischer residence in southwest Denver which was a male bird-Ed.
Golden-crowned Sparrow 2-1 through 2-25 (1) Bear Creek Lake Park, Jefferson Co. (KL, M.ob.).
Red Crossbill 2-7 (50) Rosita (east of Westcliffe), Custer Co. (DB).
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NOTICE! Be sure to buy your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series (Lane & Holt) at Denver Field Ornithologists' meetings. The new "A Birder's Guide to Colorado" is now available and covers the entire state. Forty percent of all sales made at DFO meetings will be turned over to our treasury.

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' 25th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Co-hosted by Boulder Bird Club and Boulder Audubon Society

The 25th annual meeting of the CFO will be held Saturday, May 9th and Sunday, May 10th at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), west end of Table Mesa Drive in Boulder, Colorado. Registration is \$5.00 (excludes banquet price) and takes place May 8th, 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. and May 9th, 6:00 A.M. - 6:30 A.M. at NCAR. Field Trips for May 9th are from 6:30 A.M. - 12 noon and are the following: "East Boulder County Lakes" (target species: American Bittern, Green-backed Heron, Great Egret, shorebirds and waterbirds); "Boulder Creek/CU campus" (target species: Warblers and other passerines); "Old South Road Foothills" (foothills migrants, Buntings, Lewis' Woodpecker and Dipper). Field Trips May 10th are all day: "Rocky Mountain National Park" (mountain residents, chance for Three-toed Woodpecker, Sapsuckers and Western Bluebirds); "Weld County Lakes and Wetlands" (shorebirds, American and Least Bitterns, Rails). Saturday and Sunday field trips leave the NCAR parking lot at 6:30 A.M. Paper session is May 9th, 1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. followed by the CFO business meeting. Banquet and dinner meeting at "The Soon To Be The Clarion Hotel Boulder" (Hilton Harvest House) at 6:30 P.M. Nationally known wildlife artist, Brian Wheeler, will give the presentation on raptors and on his color plates from the new Peterson Field Guide series, "Field Guide to Hawks of North America", written by William Clark and color plates by Brian Wheeler. Call Tina Jones (759-9701) if more information is needed. Banquet dinner reservations must be called in to Tina Jones by May 3rd.

NATURE CLASSES

"Kleptoparasitism, Anting and Brood Parasitism Behaviors plus more/Bird Behavior Class" May 3.

"Birding for Beginners" May 2 & 16.

"Identifying Wildflowers" May 7 & 24.

"Pawnee Grassland Ecology/Migrant Birds" May 23.

"Lesser Known U.S. Areas to Visit to View/Photograph Wildlife" May 14, 21 & 28 (nights).

"Bird Nesting Courtship Class" June 20 & 27.

Other classes in July, August & September on Edible Plants, Alpine Ecology, Big Game Behavior, Colorado Wildlife. All classes are offered through the Denver Museum of Natural History, Denver Botanic Gardens, University of Colorado. Call Tina Jones (759-9701) for more information.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1987

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help to conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed herein, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111. PLEASE NOTE: Submitting Field Trip summaries in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order saves the compiler considerable time and trouble since his work sheets are laid out in this manner. There are several Field Check-Lists currently in circulation, most of which are out-of-date. Field Trip Leaders are requested to use "The Field Check-List of Birds of Eastern Colorado" (10-82) to compile and submit the results of their Field Trips. This Check-List can be obtained from David Martin at DFO monthly meetings (free to Leaders).
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered by car and on foot and duration of the trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - "White" form vs. "Blue" form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - "Baltimore" race vs. "Bullock's" race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species in each zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine).
5. Individual Field Trips are acceptable and will be published along with the regularly scheduled DFO Field Trips depending upon space and interest.
6. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip Reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summary.
7. Please notify Jack Reddall (771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

Compiling monthly data for the Lark Bunting is an important and time consuming task. Field Trip Leaders can assist greatly by adhering to the above instructions.

- APRIL 4, Saturday. CHATFIELD RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Dave Balogh (969-0685). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Park-n-Ride on Wadsworth south of Hampden (US 285). *
- 5, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS! Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect Park off West 44th Avenue near Robb. *
- 11, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north parking lot. *
- 10-12, Friday evening, Saturday & Sunday. YUMA COUNTY FOR GREATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308) with Frances Pusateri of the Colorado Division of Wildlife leading the Greater Prairie Chicken portion of the Field Trip.
- Friday evening, April 10: Meet at 8:00 P.M. in the basement of Yuma County Courthouse in Wray (one block east of stoplight on US Highway 34, entrance on west side) for a program on Greater Prairie Chickens by Frances Pusateri. Motel in Wray: Sandhillier (1-332-4134). Primitive camping: Wray rest area & park, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west on US Highway 34.
- Saturday, April 11: Meet at 5:00 A.M. at south parking lot of courthouse. Be on time! Following the trip out to view the Greater Prairie Chickens, Jack Reddall will lead the group on birding between Wray and Bonny Reservoir SRA. For those wishing to continue on to Bonny Reser-

voir, there is a motel in Idalia (7 miles from Bonny) and motels in Burlington (22 miles from Bonny). There is camping at Bonny.

Sunday, April 12: Meet at motel in Idalia at 7:00 A.M. for a half day of birding.

CALL RUTH WHEELER (455-3924) by APRIL 7 if you are going. Group is limited to 15.

18, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER PARK. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Carpool at Safeway parking lot at 7:00 A.M. at South Logan and Hampden. Meet Leader at 7:30 A.M. at Park (turn right off Santa Fe on road at Cooley Gravel sign). * (Possible 5 or 6 miles of easy trails, walk as far as you wish).

19, Sunday. HAPPY EASTER!

25, Saturday. BEAR CREEK (Plains to mountains). Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center southwest of Burlington Coat Factory. *

25&26, Saturday & Sunday. PUEBLO AREA & ARKANSAS VALLEY RESERVOIRS: Leader: David Silverman. Call Robert Spencer for details (279-4682).

Saturday: Meet in Pueblo at Ramada Inn parking lot (US Highway 50 east of I-25) at 8:00 A.M. The trip will go to Lake Minnequa, C.F.&I. Lakes and Pueblo Reservoir.

Sunday: Meet at Ramada Inn at 7:30 A.M. The trip will go east with the option of going home through Limon. Super 8 Motel (1-545-4104) is located several blocks west of I-25. There are other motels nearby.

*BRING LUNCH

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Spencer (279-4682)
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Field Trip Coordinators

* * * * * RARE BIRD ALERT - 423-5582 * * * * *

"COLORADO BIRD REPORT"

(Prepared by David Martin)

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Colorado Bird Report is to supply timely information about the occurrence and location of uncommon birds in Colorado and adjoining areas via a recorded telephone message.

II. REPORT FORMAT AND CONVENTIONS

The report will start with an announcement stating that the Colorado Bird Report is sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists and the date the report was updated. If the time is given also, it means that the report was updated a second time (or more) on that day because important sightings were received after the first update. Newly reported birds are described first, the only exception being when a very rare bird is in the area, in which case it will get top billing. Updates of previously reported birds will be given next from the most current date back. This will allow the frequent caller to know that he/she has heard all the new birds reported when he/she hears reports which were not updated from the last call. Credit to the observer will be given unless there is a specific request to omit credit. This is done so that callers can contact the observers directly for bird details, directions or comments about what else was in the area. This is in line with the general philosophy of giving out as much information as possible. Each bird reported will be dated as to the last update received. This will allow listeners to determine when each bird was last seen. Reports will be dropped if they are not updated regularly. In order for the Colorado Bird Report to be successful, it is imperative that the information reported be current. Updates will be made whenever significant new sightings are received unless the updater is out of town. If the updater will be gone for more than three days, he will make arrangements for someone to come in and do the report. Generally, if there is no update, it means that there have been no new birds reported and no significant updates about birds already on the report. Even with no new or updated birds reported, the recording will be updated Saturday night and the next week's field trip information given. Knowledgeable local birders have been contacted and asked to act as Colorado Bird Report resource people. The names and phone numbers of two of these resource people are given each week after all the birds are reported. The function of these individuals is to help give directions to locations mentioned on the report and to provide a contact for out-of-town birders. Announcements are given after the resource phone numbers. These announcements will include all DFO meetings and field trips along with other items of local ornithological interest. The final statement asks callers to leave a message after the tone.

III. REPORT PROCEDURES

Two logs are kept, an incoming message log and an outgoing message log. The incoming log contains handwritten notes taken daily from the incoming tape, which is where messages are left after the "tone" at the end of the outgoing message. The outgoing log, kept in a three-ring binder, contains a printed copy of the text that is read into the outgoing tape each time it is updated. In order to assure that accurate information is given out on the report, there is a system of validation. Validation of rare birds reported will be attempted by calling back the reporter and discussing the sighting. Other birders in the vicinity may also be contacted and asked to field check the sighting and local experts will be consulted about identification details. If no valid-

ation is possible, and if the reporter is convincing in his/her description of the bird, the bird will be reported. Anonymous reports will be ignored. Only wild birds will be reported, not feral exotics or escapes. The bird report will not give locations of falcon or other raptor nests because we do not want to provide falconers with a place from which to steal young birds. No bird will be placed on the report against the wishes of a landowner if the bird can only be seen from his/her property. The "rarity" of reported birds will vary depending on how slow the birding is and what other birds are on the report. Rarity is a function of season, so a common bird in summer could be a rare winter sighting. If a reported bird is not placed on the report, a courtesy call will be attempted so the reporter will know he/she is not being ignored. A region-wide bird reporting network has been set up by writing letters to thirty active birders in Colorado, western Kansas and in Wyoming. These people have been asked to call in reports from their areas, and because each individual is near the top of a local grapevine, the coverage will be much wider than would be expected from thirty isolated individuals. As an added incentive, these individuals have been offered a personal telephone call when a bird from a list that they have sent to us is reported to the Colorado Bird Report. This will help them to be sure that they are not missing any important birds just because they can't call as often as the local birder can. In order to assure all valid reports to the system are reported to a publication, a list will be maintained of all birds reported, when and where they were reported and by whom. This list will be sent monthly to the compiler of the LARK BUNTING and four times a year to the regional editor of AMERICAN BIRDS.

IV. WHAT TO REPORT

What can you, as a field ornithologist, do to make the Colorado Bird Report better? The answer is simple: Report! Report! Report! You are the eyes of the Colorado Bird Report, and without your calls it would cease to exist. If you are unsure if the bird you saw warrants reporting, call it in anyway and let the updater worry about its inclusion. If you see a bird which is currently on the tape, call it in so its status can be updated. Very few birders do this on a regular basis making it difficult for the updater to know which birds are still around. It is just as important to report when a bird on the tape is not found so it can be taken off the report, thus eliminating "wild goose chases". When reporting, call in as soon as possible, the earlier the call, the quicker the update and the more people will have a chance to see the bird. Report "hot spots". These are places where there are not necessarily any unusual finds, but where there are lots of birds. With the word out as to where all the warblers, shorebirds or gulls are, birders will follow and someone might find a real rarity. Look for birds in out of the way places which have good potential but are not regularly birded. With all the birders looking in the same old places we are not going to find as many birds as if we spread out and really beat the bushes. Remember, this is your bird report and the only way it will get any better is if you make suggestions. So when you call in and listen to the tape, give your ideas for improvements so your bird report can become even better

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, WITH EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M., DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 5, 1987

Picnic and dusk bird walk at Cherry Creek Reservoir State Recreation Area. Meet at 6:00 P.M. at the Group Picnic Area located in the southeast corner of the park. NO MEETING AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY!

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MARCH 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- MARCH 1, Sunday. Fairmount Cemetery & Windsor Gardens (F/W). LEADER: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Richard Hale, Irv Jackson, Mike McGuire, Sahine Onal, Jack Reddall, Katie Smolka, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz, Toby Titman. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, N 0-10 MPH; 30°-40°). 0.5 mile by car, 3 miles on foot. 4 hours. (26 species, 438 individuals).
- 6, Friday. Southeastern Colorado: Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Fowler, Ordway, Lake Henry, Lake Meredith, Sugar City, Rocky Ford SFA (SECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, SW 5-15 MPH; 35°-77°). 350 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 11 hours. (54 species, 9087 individuals).
- 7, Saturday. Boulder area: Chautauqua Park, Baseline & Valmont Reservoirs, Walden Ponds, Boulder Creek at 75th Street, Haystack Mountain area (BOLDR). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Mary & Dave Driscoll, Phil Hayes, Irv Jackson, Joann Kyhl, Carol Lofft, Ed McConkey, Rex McGehee, Mary Jane Schock, Anne Southcott, Ted Stockmar, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Wind, calm; 50°-68°). 48 miles by car, 0.5 mile on foot. 6.5 hours. (46 species, 896 individuals).
- 8, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Bob Fleming. Trip cancelled due to inclement weather.
- 11&12, Wednesday & Thursday. Southcentral Colorado: Denver to Walsenburg and

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Monte Vista NWR, Lathrop State Park, Burnt Mill Road in Pueblo County. (SCCOL). Observers: Dorothy & Jack Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy on 3-11 with much snow and ice at Monte Vista, clear on 3-12; Wind, WSW 10-40 MPH on 3-11, variable 5-10 MPH on 3-12; 30°-55°). 535 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 21 hours birding. (52 species, 18474 individuals).

13-15, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Eastern Plains Lakes: Lake Meredith, Lake Henry, Cheraw, John Martin Reservoir, Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Holly, Bonny Reservoir SRA, Jumbo Reservoir, Red Lion SWA, So. Platte River east of Ovid, North Sterling Reservoir, Sterling cemetery, Prewitt Reservoir, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir (EPLKS). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Sunny on Friday, rain on Saturday, cloudy on Sunday; Wind, 0-30 MPH; 30°-65°). 946 miles by car, 9 miles on foot. 25 hours birding. (73 species, 17387 individuals).

14, Saturday. Chatfield SRA (CSR). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Bill Brockner, Brenda Cockrell, David & Martha Gulbenkian, Ed Holub, Pearl Jordan, Don & Jo Shrode, Anne Southcott, Joe Tenbrink, Carley Warren, Virgil Williams. (Mostly clear, standing water mostly open; Wind, 5-25 MPH; 40°-58°). 18 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 6 hours. (40 species, 652 individuals).

15, Sunday. Southcentral Colorado: Denver to Colorado Springs, Garden-of-the-Gods; Pueblo area: Pueblo Nature Center, Pueblo River Greenway, Pueblo Reservoir SWA; Burnt Mill Road & Crow Cut-off to Colorado City; return to Denver via I-25 & Overton, Meridian & Hanover Roads (SCCOL). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: John Bregar, Warren Finch, Harold Holt, Dick Schottler. (Overcast becoming mostly cloudy; Wind, SE 5-20 MPH; 34°-51°). 307 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 12 hours. (49 species, 1830 individuals).

21, Saturday. Joint DFO-Colorado Springs Aiken Audubon Society Field Trip at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Kirsten Akse, David Blue, Henry & Vi Bossman, Toni Brevillier, Gary Conover, David & Martha Gulbenkian, Phil Hayes, Harold & LaVona Holt, Hazel Kellogg, Naomi Kuhlman, Cindy Lippincott, Dick Schottler, Don & Jo Shrode, Robert Spencer, Mort Staatz, Art & Helen Wainwright. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, S 10-15 MPH shifting to NE 5-10 MPH; 25°-50°). 22 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7.5 hours. (41 species, 997 individuals).

22, Sunday. Daniels Park, Cherokee Ranch & McLellan Reservoir (DP). Leader: Ben Morre. Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Eric Spicer. (Cloudy, light to heavy snow; Wind, N 3-5 MPH; 28°-34°). 98 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6 hours. (32 species, 407 individuals).

24, Tuesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake State Park & Prospect Reservoir (CCPR). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Cloudy becoming overcast; Wind, NE 20-35 MPH; 30°-35°). 130 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9 hours. (51 species, 3974 individuals).

28, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes and Ponds (NDL). Leaders: Ruth Breckon & Joe Tenbrink. Observers: None. (Cloudy, 2"-4" of snow cover; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 20°-28°). 45 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 5.5 hours. (39 species, 1600 individuals).

29, Sunday. Bear Creek: Plains to Foothills (BCRK). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Mike Berg, Harold John, Tim Maguire, Hugh Ravatt, Chuck Romeo, Gail Romeo. (Cloudy; Wind, light; 15°-25°). 25 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 6.5 hours. (37 species, 236 individuals).

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AREA COVERED	W/F	SECO	BOLDR	SCCOL	EPLKS	CSR	SCCOL	CCR	DP	CCPR	NDL	BCRK
HABITAT COVERED	PLN	PLNS	F PLN	PLFHM	PLAIN	PLN	PL/FH	PLN	PF	PLNS	PLN	F PL
Common Loon		1										
Pied-billed Grebe			1					1		1	3	
Horned Grebe		2	25		18	4			5	3	3	
Eared Grebe			2		1							
Western Grebe			9		2					1		
Clark's Grebe					1							
Double-crested Cormorant										4	6	
Great Blue Heron			1		47	24		2		3	7	3
Tundra Swan					2							
Gtr. White-fronted Goose					1im							
Snow Goose												
"White" form					6000							
"Blue" form					110							
Canada Goose	12	10	95	200	700	65	6	20	8	30	231	8
Wood Duck					1m1f	1	13m7f					
Green-winged Teal		15	4		25	10		20	5	100		4
Mallard	4	20	45	15000	1000	30	25	40	12	175	138	20
Northern Pintail		275	1	400	1000	7		20		250	38	
Cinnamon Teal				20		3		1pr		20		
Northern Shoveler		35			75			1ma	8	130	20	
Gadwall		75	20	10	60	2	2ma	15		225	5	7
American Wigeon		45	55		110		1m2f		4	60	6	2
Canvasback			5	2ma	14	1						
Redhead		125	215	130	750	235		8	58	600	103	6
Ring-necked Duck			105	90						3	40	
Lesser Scaup		30	6	55	550	2		1ma	2	50	290	1
Common Goldeneye	23	80	2	2m2f	3	25			8	2	9	
Bufflehead		50		15	11	1				5	1	
Hooded Merganser		1m1f	1ma			3						
Common Merganser	3	3000	10		1400	8	2ma	1ma	3	8	6	
Red-breasted Merganser		1m1f								7m2f		
Ruddy Duck		25										
Bald Eagle			1ad	1a1i	7a9i							
Northern Harrier		1m1f		1fe	4m1f		1fe			1m2f		
Sharp-shinned Hawk								1		1		
Red-tailed Hawk					8				1	1	8	
"Western" races		15	4	17		1	19	3				6
"Harlan's" race								1				1
"Krider's" race		<u>1</u>										
Ferruginous Hawk		2					3	1ad		1		
Rough-legged Hawk		2	1	5	2					1		
Golden Eagle			1im	2								
American Kestrel		6	3	7	13	3	6	3	9	2	4	4
Prairie Falcon		1	1	1							1	
Ring-necked Pheasant				2ma	13	1		2		1ma		
Wild Turkey					14							
Northern Bobwhite					2-H							
Scaled Quail		1										
Virginia Rail								8		2-H		
American Coot	1	1	30	70	100	6			55	20	13	
Sandhill Crane				1500								
Whooping Crane				<u>2ad</u>								
Killdeer		10	3		40	1	8	12	6	9	21	7
American Avocet					1							

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HABITAT COVERED	PLN	PLNS	F PLN	PLFHM	PLAIN	PLN	PL/FH	PLN	PF	PLNS	PLN	F PL
Common Snipe					2			10		11		5
Franklin's Gull										1		
Ring-billed Gull	115	650	35	5	1100	95	6	300	25	300	108	1
California Gull								10		15		
Herring Gull		10	2		90			3		20	11	
Thayer's Gull					4im					1ad		
Rock Dove	8	55	2	10	35	35	5	150	9	5	115	3
Mourning Dove		2										
Eastern Screech-Owl					2							
Western Screech-Owl								1ad				
Great Horned Owl	2	1aN			1			1ad	2aN	1aN		2
White-throated Swift								1				
Belted Kingfisher			2		2			1ma	1ma			2
Lewis' Woodpecker		1			1			1				
Red-bellied Woodpecker					2							
Ladder-backed Woodpecker		1ma										
Downy Woodpecker	2				3	1						
"Batchelder's" race								1fe				
"Eastern" races								1fe	1ma			2
Hairy Woodpecker					1							
Northern Flicker						3						
"Red-shafted" race	14	6	4	6	22		4	6	3	5	3	8
Say's Phoebe				1								
Horned Lark		80		40	220	4	100	2		20		15
Tachycineta swallow sp.						5						
Steller's Jay			2						9			1
Blue Jay	1-H	1	1	1	7				9	1	1	
Scrub Jay				20			10		18			
Black-billed Magpie	94	45	2	35	50	15	75	25	21	50	42	12
American Crow	1	1	7	80	12	1	15	1	4		1	
Chihuahuan Raven				1			2					
Common Raven				17			6		8			
Black-capped Chickadee	5	3	2	1	35	8	10	6	2		5	4
Mountain Chickadee	2										6	
Plain Titmouse				2								
Bushtit				4								
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1								1			
White-breasted Nuthatch					2		4				2	
Pygmy Nuthatch											1	
Brown Creeper	4						1					
Bewick's Wren							3					
Marsh Wren				2	3				1			
American Dipper				2		1-H	2					1
Eastern Bluebird					2		2ma					
Western Bluebird												
Mountain Bluebird		8		15	16	2	10				1	3
Townsend's Solitaire	1	1	1	25	2	1	7					6
American Robin	4	23	2	4	15	135	4	120	13	8	120	28
Northern Mockingbird								1				
Sage Thrasher										1		
Curve-billed Thrasher		1										
Bohemian Waxwing											47	
Northern Shrike				1ad				1ad	1			
Loggerhead Shrike		1			1		2					
European Starling	39	135	85	125	1500	30	300	175	18	450	83	12

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HABITAT COVERED	PLN	PLNS	F PLN	PLFHM	PLAIN	PLN	PL/FH	PLN	PF	PLNS	PLN	F PL
Rufous-sided Towhee				3ma			8ma					
"Spotted" races				2			4					9
Brown Towhee												
American Tree Sparrow	1-H	3	5	2	20	4				1		8
Song Sparrow					10	3	4	35				
White-crowned Sparrow					130						7	
"Gambel's" race		40					20					
Harris' Sparrow					2							
Dark-eyed Junco				1	70							
"Slate-colored" race	16	5				7	2		3		7	
"Oregon" race	25	3	3	4	15	1	35	2	5		4	3
"Gray-headed" race	2		4				1		7			
Red-winged Blackbird	1	4000	25	260	1500	25	450	150	2	1100	111	12
Western Meadowlark		150	5	40	100	4	20	30		30	31	6
Brewer's Blackbird		1m1f			35							
Great-tailed Grackle				1m1f								
Common Grackle										2		
Purple Finch (NOTE A)					2fe							
Cassin's Finch				1fe					15			
House Finch	18	10	4	10	27	6	30	25		20	25	12
Pine Siskin	8				20	30	260		55			
American Goldfinch		1			40		5					
House Sparrow	31	40	5	15	135	95	60	35		100	13	2
TOTAL SPECIES-119	26	54	46	52	73	40	49	41	32	51	39	37

NOTE A: Purple Finches (2 females) seen at Dorenkamp's Pasture along the south side of the Arkansas River at the Kansas State Line, Prowers County. Written documentation submitted by observer.

ABBREVIATIONS & OTHER NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLAIN, PLNS, PLN, PL, P; Foothills=FOOT, FHL, FH, F; Mountains=MTNS, MTN, MT, M; Nesting=N; Pair=pr.

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Tundra Swan 3-12 through 3-14 (2) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (MS); 3-21 (5) Rawhide Reservoir north of Fort Collins, Larimer Co. (BH, WW).
 Greater White-fronted Goose 3-28 & 3-29 (1 adult) Carbody Lake, Weld Co. (DN, et al.).
 Snow Goose 3-22 (6000) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB).
 Ross' Goose 3-14 through 3-21 (1) Crook, Logan Co. (DN, et al.).
 Wood Duck 3-31 (1 male, 1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
 Canvasback 3-21 (25) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo Co. (DB); 3-22 (50) John Martin Reservoir, Bent Co. (DB); 3-29 (20) farm pond @ Weld Co. Rds. 18 & 53 (JR).
 Greater Scaup 3-1 & 3-2 (5) Prospect Lake, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN, et al.).
 Hooded Merganser 3-31 (2 males, 5 females) McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
 Bald Eagle 3-29 (1 adult) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (JR).
 Cooper's Hawk 3-1 (1 adult) 2025 S. Monroe, Denver (TJ).
 Northern Goshawk 3-13 (1, with Rock Dove in talons) 2475 Garland, Denver (DG).
 Golden Eagle 3-29 (1 immature with rabbit kill) E. 104th Ave. & Tower Rd., Adams Co. (JR).
 Merlin 3-1 (1) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK).

Prairie Falcon 3-1 (1) Crown Hill Open Space, Jefferson Co. (DG); 3-1 (1) Prospect Lake, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DG).
 Greater Yellowlegs 3-1 through 3-20 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN, M.ob.).
 Franklin's Gull 3-29 (8) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR).
 Long-eared Owl 3-15 through 3-28 (1) Adams County Nature Area (JT, M.ob.).
 Hairy Woodpecker 3-31 (1 male, "Rocky Mountain" race) Plum Creek, Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (JR).
 Three-toed Woodpecker 3-7 through 3-9 (2) 31428 Burke Rd., Jefferson Co. (DN).
 Tree Swallow 3-31 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson Co. (JR).
 Pinyon Jay 3-21 (3) Colo. Hwy. 69, 10 miles NW of Walsenburg, Huerfano Co. (DB).
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 3-25 (?) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (DG).
 Mountain Bluebird 3-25 (60) Rooney Rd. south of Alameda cut, Jefferson Co. (DG).
 Varied Thrush 3-1 through 3-28 (1 male) 1600 Buckeye, Fort Collins, Larimer Co. (PO, M.ob.).
 Brown Thrasher 3-13 (1) Jackson Reservoir SRA, Morgan Co. (CA).
 Bohemian Waxwing Numerous reports during the month. Maxima: 3-31 (75) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
 Loggerhead Shrike 3-29 (1) Kersey Rd. @ Co. Rd. 18, Weld Co. (JR).
 Common Grackle 3-31 (3) 3rd Ave. @ Birch, Denver (HK).
 Red Crossbill 3-23 (4) Loveland Pass, Clear Creek Co. (HK); 3-26 (8) Breckenridge, Summit Co. (HK); 3-26 & 3-27 (1) Silverthorne, at feeder, Summit Co. (HK).
 Evening Grosbeak 3-21 (20) Huerfano River one mile west of I-25, Huerfano Co. (DB); 3-22 (30) Rye, at Dave Silverman's feeder, Pueblo Co. (DB).
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NOTICE! Be sure to buy your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series (Lane & Holt) at Denver Field Ornithologists' meetings. The new "A Birder's Guide to Colorado" is now available and covers the entire state. Forty percent of all sales made at DFO meetings will be turned over to our treasury.

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' 25th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Co-hosted by Boulder Bird Club and Boulder Audubon Society

The 25th annual meeting of the CFO will be held Saturday, May 9th and Sunday, May 10th at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), west end of Table Mesa Drive in Boulder, Colorado. Registration is \$5.00 and takes place May 8th, 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. and May 9th, 6:00 A.M.-6:30 A.M. at NCAR. Banquet and dinner presentation is \$14.00 and reservations must be called in to Tina Jones by May 2nd for this event. Banquet takes place May 9th at 6:30 P.M. at "The Soon To Be The Clarion Hotel Boulder" (Hilton Harvest House). Nationally known wildlife artist, Brian Wheeler, will give the presentation on raptors and on his color plates from the new Peterson Field Guide series, "Field Guide to Hawks of North America", written by William Clark and color plates by Brian Wheeler. All programs for the CFO Weekend except for dinner banquet presentation will meet at NCAR. Field trips for May 9th are from 6:30 A.M.-12 noon and take place in the Boulder/Lyons vicinity. Trips are followed by a paper session from 1:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M. Trips on Sunday, May 10th, are all day and go to either Rocky Mountain National Park or to Weld County lakes and wetlands. Dinner reservations and registration deadline is May 2. Dinner banquet is optional. Checks are to be made payable to Colorado Field Ornithologists for registration of \$5.00, and banquet \$14.00 (optional) and they should be sent to Tina Jones, 2025 S. Monroe, Denver, Colorado 80210 (telephone: 759-9701) for more information if needed.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Ursula Borsch - 2500 S. Fillmore, Denver, Colorado 80210 (tel. 756-0860)
 Chris A. Blakeslee - P.O. Box 17, Morrison, Colorado 80465 (tel. 697-8232)

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS UNDERWAY

Breeding Bird Atlas field work begins this summer. The Atlas plans to survey the breeding birds all over the state; field workers will study one block, three miles on a side, in each topographic map (the southeast corner) for 20 hours. A handbook explains the project, and describes reportable bird behavior and how to report.

Field workers will look for all kinds of breeding evidence--finding nests, although certainly important, is not necessary. Field workers will divide their observations into Confirmed, Probable and Possible breeding categories. For instance, birds performing courtship displays fall into the "Probable" category; birds carrying food to feed young become "Confirmed".

The state has 1800 blocks to cover, and seeks volunteer field workers, office workers, computer buffs, and others to work on the Atlas. It also seeks financial contributions, since it has received no government funding.

Regional Coordinators from various parts of the state will handle territory assignments for field workers and distribute instructional materials and field cards. Regional Coordinators for the Denver area are David Martin (422-9143) and Dick Schottler (985-0579). Also, Phil Hayes (422-0239) has coordination responsibilities for the San Juan Mountains and Judy Ward (666-8985) has charge of Moffat County in northwest Colorado. To participate as a field worker in the Atlas, contact one of them or Atlas Director, Hugh Kingery (333-0161).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CONDUCT WILDLIFE INVENTORIES

Four east metro-Denver parks have potential as permanent wildlife observation areas. Park officials have requested inventories of three Aurora parks, and neighbors would like an inventory of an east Denver park near Parker Road and Hampden.

We seek volunteers who can spend a couple of hours a week or a month at one or more of these parks to survey them. We would like to conduct a year-long census to find out what birds use them in spring, summer, fall and winter.

The three Aurora parks are large and relatively wild: Delaney Farm (nee Bresnahan Park), between Chambers Road, Alameda and the Highline Ditch; the Environmental Day Camp on 6th Avenue across from Buckley Field; and 6 miles of Coal Creek on Jewell two miles east of Highway 30 (east side of Buckley Field). This latter site lies partially within a Breeding Bird Atlas priority block.

The Denver park, Paul Hentzell Park, sits in the northwest quadrant at a place where Hampden turns into Havana. It faces a controversy over whether or not the City will permit a major recreational complex there (Water World).

If you would like to help with the wildlife inventory of one of these sites, contact Mike Monahan (home 757-8892 or office 871-3540) or Hugh Kingery (333-0161).

We wish to extend special thanks to the following individuals for their generous contributions to the DFO Rare Bird Alert: David Blue, Mel Gabel, Joe Himmel, Tina Jones, Ed McConkey, Stanley Shapiro and Mort Staatz.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 1987

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help to conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

MAY 2, Saturday. PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS FROM NUNN. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north parking lot at 7:30 A.M. *

3, Sunday. RIGLI RANCH. Leader: Joe Rigli. Coordinator: Dick Pautsch (586-4272). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north parking lot at 7:00 A.M. or at the Pepperpod Restaurant in Hudson at 7:45 A.M. *

9&10, Saturday & Sunday. Colorado Field Ornithologists Convention at NCAR in Boulder. SATURDAY FIELD TRIPS: East Boulder County Lakes; Boulder Creek & C.U. campus; or, Old South Road & foothills. SUNDAY FIELD TRIPS: Rocky Mountain National Park or Weld County Lakes and Wetlands. For details, call Tina Jones (759-9701).

16&17, Saturday & Sunday. 1987 SPRING COUNT. Coordinator: Hugh Kingery (333-0161).

MAY 16, SATURDAY

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Bob Righter (692-8529). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at southwest entrance (near Cherry Creek High School).

BARR LAKE PERIFERY. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Bromley Lane & Picadilly Road.

BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at Barr Lake S.P. entrance station. This is a strenuous all day, 10 mile hike around the lake.

MAY 17, SUNDAY

RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Ann Bonnell (979-6211). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Trading Post, Red Rocks Park.

BEAR CREEK STATE PARK. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest corner (US Hwy. 285 & Sheridan Blvd.).

WATERTON. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at the Park & Ride, US Hwy. 285 & South Wadsworth, southwest quadrant.

CHATFIELD STATE RECREATION AREA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Deer Creek (west) entrance to park.

16, Saturday. Special Spring Count area: EAST BOULDER, WHITE ROCKS TRAIL & WHITE ROCKS PRESERVATION AREA. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the RTD Park & Ride, Broomfield, on the east side of Wadsworth (Colorado Hwy. 121) south of the Boulder Turnpike (US Hwy. 36). Six mile roundtrip hike with lunch backpacked. *

17, Sunday. GRAPE CANYON NEAR COLORADO SPRINGS. Leader: John Stansfield (481-3202). This is a BLM trip to this geologically interesting canyon. Would anyone like to go and investigate the birding? It should be good.

23&25, Saturday through Monday, Memorial Day Weekend trip to GRAND JUNCTION AREA for western slope specialties. Leaders: David Martin (422-9143) & Duane Nelson (642-7109). Meet leaders at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th &

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PLEASE NOTE: To anyone using on the APRIL 25 '66 to PUEBLO AREA. The

Ramada Inn is now the Rodeway Inn!

SUBMITTED BY:

Robert Spencer (279-4682)

Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

TRIP COORDINATORS

of prey, collect cancelled foreign and United States commemorative postage stamps, undamaged duck and state conservation stamps and old and foreign picture postal cards. For information about this Florida Audubon program, call Patty Echelmeyer (233-4749) who delivers them personally.

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LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

Prepared by Jack Reddall

DFO FIELD TRIPS FOR 1986 SUMMARIZED

Listed below is a summary of all of the birds seen on each of the scheduled DFO field trips for the year 1986. These statistics do not include the Spring and Fall counts, the Christmas Count, the special field trip to Kansas in May or the field trips reported by individual observers. This summary is not intended to be a scientific endeavor, but merely an informational exercise. DFO field trips are not normally designed to achieve statistical or scientific results, but rather to offer the best opportunities to see the greatest number of interesting species throughout the year. For example, mid-summer field trips generally are scheduled to visit montane habitats, often neglecting the high eastern plains entirely (no Lark Buntings, for instance were reported during June or July). The summary does however provide a good cross-section of the species one can normally expect to see during any given month depending of course on where the field trips are scheduled to go.

In 1986, the DFO conducted 95 scheduled field trips participated in by 986 people including the leaders. More than 5870 miles were driven by car and over 222 miles were walked on foot on these field trips. These are not the entire distances covered as some leaders fail to report the total miles covered on their trips. In addition, over 628 hours were expended looking for birds (again this is not a true total as some leaders do not report the time that was spent in the field). Thus, the average DFO field trip for 1986 lasted approximately 6½ hours, covered roughly 64 miles (62 by car, 2 on foot) and was participated in by 10.4 leaders and observers. The 95 field trips recorded a total of 261 species of birds during 1986 with the most prolific month surprisingly being August with 189 species. The lowest month was December with only two scheduled field trips producing 56 species.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
# OF TRIPS	8	6	9	8	7	12	12	9	6	6	10	2	95
MILES/CAR	163	157	588.5	445	614	392.5	508.5	1669	611	323	358	41	5870.5
MILES/FOOT	19.5	13.5	19.5	21.5	19	34.5	24	18.5	17.5	12.5	18.5	3	221.5
DURATION	49.5	33	51.5	58.25	53	67.5	64	99	45.25	38.5	60	8	627.5
OBSERVERS	92	54	136	89	90	85	152	75	45	53	105	10	986

1986	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Red-throated Loon											1	
Pacific Loon											3	
Common Loon	1			1	1					2	7	3
Pied-billed Grebe	2	2	1	14	16	1	11	87	31	53	25	1
Horned Grebe			117	66					6	60	16	
Eared Grebe				12	31		2	7		7	5	
Western Grebe			14	3609	31	68	147	699	902	862	120	2
Clark's Grebe							4	56	9	2	1	
American White Pelican				23	154	44	20	365	365	1	5	
Double-crest. Cormorant			5	288	74	94	196	227	358	45	6	2
American Bittern								1			1	
Great Blue Heron	6	5	66	186	31	43	63	83	34	6	14	
Great Egret				1					4	1		
Snowy Egret						2		21				
Cattle Egret					2			180		1		
Green-backed Heron					4							
Black-cr. Night-Heron	1			2	15	19	7	9	4	4	2	
White-faced Ibis				131	3	2	1					
Tundra Swan											5	

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Snow Goose												
"White" form			8076	1				2			12	
"Blue" form			54									
Canada Goose	3880	308	5377	176	147	182	476	701	390	328	2989	545
Wood Duck	1		1	7	4	4		1	4	6	5	2
Green-winged Teal	53	15	159	135	38	1	7	140	19	73	246	62
Mallard	4072	257	2339	479	148	77	152	6466	487	3397	10294	270
Northern Pintail	55	10	772	226	47	5		1054	19	104	1172	
Blue-winged Teal			1	62	59	14		818	10	5		
Cinnamon Teal				69	18	14	1	83		1		
Northern Shoveler	43	1	190	224	145			113	35	34	1236	50
Gadwall	45	17	115	485	82	12	6	281	51	445	411	4
American Wigeon	141	52	187	161	8			9	121	586	741	24
Canvasback			31	3	1					25	18	
Redhead	49	40	4253	65	10	3	8	60	12	95	119	7
Ring-necked Duck	268	108	66	75	17	5	7		19	67	165	41
Greater Scaup	1		1									
Lesser Scaup	33		294	196	5			3	1	53	3088	18
White-winged Scoter											4	
Common Goldeneye	67	34	363	1							248	32
Barrow's Goldeneye											1	
Bufflehead	1	2	39	52	9		1			98	141	2
Hooded Merganser	27	7	15	1							44	
Common Merganser	551	43	533	16		2				8	404	1506
Red-breasted Merganser	6		5	4							1	1
Ruddy Duck			3	5	23	2		20	6	172	962	1
Turkey Vulture				1	5	11	5	46	3	1		
Osprey				3					1	2		
Mississippi Kite								9				
Bald Eagle	2	2	10								3	
Northern Harrier	4		5	18	3	1	1	19	10	5	12	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			2						2	6	1	2
Cooper's Hawk	1		1		1	1		1	1	2	1	1
Northern Goshawk						2	1	1			2	1
Red-shouldered Hawk					1							
Swainson's Hawk				11	17	8	3	77	12	1		
Red-tailed Hawk	5	1	13	5	9	11	9	12	3	15	13	
"Western" races	7	6	11	5	6	4	4	7	14	20	18	1
"Harlan's" race	2			1						1	2	1
Ferruginous Hawk	5		4	1	3			7	1	5	9	2
Rough-legged Hawk	14	1	20							1	14	1
Golden Eagle	1	1	4	1		4	2	1	1	4	3	
American Kestrel	14	13	28	53	34	18	23	44	27	31	58	3
Merlin				1								
"Richardson's" race									1			
Peregrine Falcon								1				
Prairie Falcon	1		1	1	3			3	1	4	4	
Ring-necked Pheasant			17	15	4	5	4	2	1	6	9	12
Blue Grouse						1	2					
White-tailed Ptarmigan						2	1					
Wild Turkey								16			30	
Northern Bobwhite			3					1				
Virginia Rail	9		7	5		4	3	9	2	14	8	3
Sora					1	5	3	16				
American Coot	194	23	315	761	90	5	14	365	229	1435	562	12
Sandhill Crane										1	2	
Black-bellied Plover								1	13		3	
Semipalmated Plover								4	1			

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Killdeer	11	1	21	93	50	27	75	396	74	18	17	4
Mountain Plover				3				12				
Black-necked Stilt					1			2				
American Avocet				51	65		40	30	2	1	1	
Greater Yellowlegs	1			11				11	1	2		
Lesser Yellowlegs				5	1		4	424	3			
Solitary Sandpiper						1		5	2			
Willet					2			2				
Spotted Sandpiper					24	8	13	8				
Long-billed Curlew					1		1					
Hudsonian Godwit					1							
Marbled Godwit								6				
Sanderling								2	5	17		
Semipalmated Sandpiper					6		1				4	
Western Sandpiper				9	1		5	20				
Least Sandpiper							2	86	10	1	1	
White-rumped Sandpiper					4							
Baird's Sandpiper				3	7			259	192	3		
Pectoral Sandpiper								7	1			
Stilt Sandpiper					3			1	150			
Short-billed Dowitcher								2				
Long-billed Dowitcher				5	2			147	40	28		
Common Snipe	19	6	10	20			6	6	6	14	20	15
Wilson's Phalarope				6	48		4	318		1		
Red-necked Phalarope							66					
Franklin's Gull				29		3	20	2881	186	18	28	
Bonaparte's Gull				6							5	
Ring-billed Gull	705	155	4482	160	108	42	55	1210	904	387	9205	570
California Gull			132	40	20	32	314	102	10	116	210	200
Herring Gull	49	7	56	2						4	32	50
Thayer's Gull			1									1
Glaucous Gull			3									1
Common Tern									5	1		
Forster's Tern					3		10	4	2	2		
Black Tern								42				
Rock Dove	322	94	354	84	107	63	24	284	164	149	373	5
Band-tailed Pigeon						7	2					
Mourning Dove			2	72	132	86	57	539	47	12	1	
Greater Roadrunner								1				
Common Barn-Owl								1				
Eastern Screech-Owl			2				3		1			
Western Screech-Owl								1				
Great Horned Owl	12	10	6	20	10	5	3	11	6	4	8	3
Burrowing Owl				3	8	5	8	37	2	1		
Long-eared Owl	6											
Common Nighthawk						8	65	33		1		
Chimney Swift					7			20				
White-throated Swift				2	25	6	4					
Magnificent Hummingbird						1						
Calliope Hummingbird								1				
Broad-tail. Hummingbird					12	39	59	43				
Rufous Hummingbird								5				
Belted Kingfisher	9	4	7	6	4	11	8	7	10	16	11	
Lewis' Woodpecker		3		3	7		1	33			2	
Red-headed Woodpecker					19			8	3	2		
Red-naped Sapsucker						8	12	1				
Williamson's Sapsucker						5	9	4				
Ladder-back. Woodpecker								3		1		

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Downy Woodpecker	4	8	11	16	2	6	11	16	7	3	14	
"Batchelder's" race	1											
"Eastern" races	3				1			2	2	1	3	
Hairy Woodpecker		1	4	1		3	3	4		2	1	
"Rocky Mountain" race			1			1						
"Eastern" races					1				1			
Three-toed Woodpecker						1						
Northern Flicker		4	22		19	9	7		12	23	28	
"Yellow-shaft." race					1					1		
"Red-shafted" race	37	22	23	92	11	37	52	28	20	46	58	10
Olive-sided Flycatcher						4	3					
Western Wood-Pewee					3	17	57	35	7			
Willow Flycatcher								2				
Least Flycatcher					2							
Hammond's Flycatcher						4	3					
Dusky Flycatcher						3	1	2				
Western Flycatcher						16	24	3				
Empidonax sp.					3		1	1	1			
Eastern Phoebe								1				
Say's Phoebe				1	1	2		4				
Great Crest. Flycatcher								1				
Cassin's Kingbird								1				
Western Kingbird					89	44	25	269	4			
Eastern Kingbird					49	23	7	62				
Horned Lark	130		25	95	22	12	151	186	80	240	193	15
Tree Swallow				93	16	138	110	2				
Violet-green Swallow				5	265	115	65	23				
No. Rough-wing. Swallow				2	3	5	7	13	2			
Bank Swallow					58	1	23	12				
Cliff Swallow					243	273	856	133	1			
Barn Swallow				56	342	78	103	869	421	10	1	
Gray Jay							9	7				
Steller's Jay	3	3	6	7	1	25	16	28	21	4	27	
Blue Jay	5		3	16	13		3	4	17	20	19	
Scrub Jay	6	15	8		11	23	2	4	18	1	20	
Pinyon Jay								23				
Clark's Nutcracker						7	14	50				
Black-billed Magpie	218	164	165	217	88	104	60	82	121	129	285	52
American Crow	30	97	18	21	23	14	20	29	21	20	48	2
Chihuahuan Raven								4				
Common Raven	5	10	30	8	5	11	28	12	3	8	6	
Black-capped Chickadee	52	52	50	51	23	29	20	33	59	66	97	2
Mountain Chickadee	3	16	6	5		18	28	31	1	4	22	
Bushtit								5				
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1	3		15	4	1		
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	7	4	2		4	13	8		6	7	
Pygmy Nuthatch		6		3		12	15	11	10	4	36	
Brown Creeper	12	5	3			3	2	2			8	
Rock Wren				3	2	4	6	10	6	1		
Canyon Wren					3	1		5	1			
Bewick's Wren								3				
House Wren					79	101	39	39	29	1		
Marsh Wren								15				
American Dipper	6	2	1	1	6	8	7		2	1	1	3
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1			1		52	28		2	2		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						1						
Eastern Bluebird			1		2							

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Western Bluebird			8	2	26	6	13	1		3		
Mountain Bluebird			30	44	7	26	62	89	1		12	
Townsend's Solitaire	6	2	3	6	5	10	11	9	4	14	16	1
Veery					4							
Gray-cheeked Thrush					1							
Swainson's Thrush					92	4	3		3			
Hermit Thrush					2	26	16	1				
American Robin	64	10	183	381	107	181	103	79	200	415	10	
Gray Catbird					3			2	2	1		
Northern Mockingbird					5			4				
Sage Thrasher							1	6	3	2		
Brown Thrasher				1	6			4		1		
Curve-billed Thrasher								2				
Water Pipit						25	21			3	20	
Bohemian Waxwing												1
Cedar Waxwing			25		16		8	4		5		
Northern Shrike	2	1	2								3	1
Loggerhead Shrike		1		13	2			29	10			
European Starling	328	277	333	806	185	119	178	732	1228	3942	3963	136
Solitary Vireo						2	6	4				
"Cassin's" race									1			
Warbling Vireo					5	29	20	9	19			
Philadelphia Vireo								1				
Red-eyed Vireo								2				
Orange-crowned Warbler					1					4		
Nashville Warbler									1			
Virginia's Warbler					2	6	3	3	1			
Northern Parula					1							
Yellow Warbler					43	40	34	36	2			
Chestnut-sided Warbler						1						
Yellow-rumped Warbler				26		8	2	7	19			
"Myrtle" race				18					10	4	3	
"Audubon's" race				11	14	7	12	30	49	68	3	
Townsend's Warbler								1	1			
American Redstart					2				1			
Ovenbird					2				1			
Northern Waterthrush					1							
MacGillivray's Warbler					1	5	1	6	1			
Common Yellowthroat	1				15	39	20	5	3			
Wilson's Warbler						17	4	13	28			
Yellow-breasted Chat					2	11	8	9	1			
Western Tanager					1	31	15	12	2			
Black-headed Grosbeak					13	20	8	6				
Blue Grosbeak						2	1	8	1			
Lazuli Bunting					15	33	32	1				
Green-tailed Towhee					1	13	7	4				
Rufous-sided Towhee		12	6	7	34	54	17	12	29			
"Spotted" races											1	
Brown Towhee								15		2		
American Tree Sparrow	59	44	14							8	116	20
Chipping Sparrow				15	15	7	20	143	59	50		
Clay-colored Sparrow									6		1	
Brewer's Sparrow				5				9	22			
Vesper Sparrow				22	11	8	19	60	56			
Lark Sparrow					29	4	10	125	9			
Lark Bunting				10	55			1196	218			
Savannah Sparrow					2		83		3			
Fox Sparrow						2						

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Song Sparrow	26	15	34	56	15	38	31	3	15	47	68	15
Lincoln's Sparrow					2	8	22	3	1			
White-crowned Sparrow	2			7	1	34	30	2	33	108	9	
"Gambel's" race					10							
"Eastern" race								30				
Harris' Sparrow										1	3	
Dark-eyed Junco	3	15	3			8	5			6		
"White-winged" race	1		2								2	1
"Slate-colored" race	10	3	6	1						1	7	1
"Oregon" race	38	27	20	6						4	32	18
"Gray-headed" race	10	4	4	20		4	19	50	10	4	41	
McCown's Longspur				1				6	10			
Lapland Longspur	20											
Chestnut-coll. Longspur				10	1			6	15			
Red-winged Blackbird	267	126	573	754	357	291	172	233	8086	1129	5719	5
Western Meadowlark	9	3	69	217	283	112	53	129	108	43	47	
Yellow-head. Blackbird	1			479	123	92	28	533	800		40	
Brewer's Blackbird				27	16	48	105	78	402	30	402	
Common Grackle			7	386	195	93	53	417	1528	298	783	
Brown-headed Cowbird					97	91	58	34	6			
Orchard Oriole					7							
Northern Oriole					15			2				
"Baltimore" race					2							
"Bullock's" race					36	88	22	16				
Rosy Finch												
"Gray-crowned" race	54											
"Black" race	6											
"Brown-capped" race						2	8					
Pine Grosbeak						6	3	2				
Cassin's Finch		6		1		8	14	1			2	
House Finch	137	89	31	79	59	61	77	34	54	102	213	32
Red Crossbill							22	6		18	1	
Common Redpoll	5											
Pine Siskin	13	16	5	7	62	80	149	66	3	1	78	
Lesser Goldfinch						17	27	20	5	9		
American Goldfinch	19	26	8	4	14	30	43	17	46	21	61	3
Evening Grosbeak	3				8	17	17	50	17	86	34	
House Sparrow	148	66	115	264	251	37	42	1096	271	131	556	49
TOTAL SPECIES-261	76	59	86	116	148	137	144	189	137	117	112	56



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THERE ARE NO MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

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APRIL 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- APRIL 3&4, Friday & Saturday. Southwestern Colorado: Pagosa Springs, Chromo, Navajo Reservoir area in Archuleta Co. (SWC). Observers: Dan Bridges, David Martin. (Sunny on Friday, snow showers on Saturday; Wind, 0-30 MPH; 30°-55°). 150 miles by car, 10 miles on foot. 20 hours birding. (58 species, 1216 individuals).
- 4, Saturday. Chatfield SRA. Leader: David Balogh. No report received.
- 5, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WG). Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Wally Collins, David & Martha Gulbenkian. (Clear; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 30°-50°). 3 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 4.5 hours. (36 species, 411 individuals).
- 7&8, Tuesday & Wednesday. Northcentral Colorado: Denver to Fort Collins; Colo. Hwy. 14 to Cameron Pass and Walden; Arapaho NWR; Lake John area; Steamboat Springs, Hayden, Oak Creek, Kremmling, Berthoud Pass & Genesee Mountain Park (NCCOL). Observers: Harold Holt, Jack Reddall. (Tuesday, clear; Wednesday, partly cloudy; Wind, variable 5-15 MPH; 26°-66°). 623 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 23.5 hours birding. (58 species, 1055 individuals).
- 11, Saturday. Wray, Beecher Island (Arickaree River), Bonny Reservoir SRA and South Republican SWA including Hale Ponds (WR/BY). Leaders (at Wray): Frances Pusateri; (Wray to Bonny SRA): Jack & Dorothy Reddall. Observers: John Bregar, Norm Erthal, Mel & Vera Gabel, David & Martha Gulbenkian, Mary Beth Harris, Harold & LaVona Holt, Jean Maguire,

Larry & Barbara Sanders, Anne Southcott, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Lynn & Liz Willcockson. (Clear in morning turning partly cloudy to cloudy, then overcast; Wind, SE 5-20 MPH; 25°-54°). 122 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 15 hours. (62 species, 10990 individuals).

- 12, Sunday. Bonny Reservoir SRA & South Republican SWA. Leaders: Jack & Dorothy Reddall. Trip cancelled due to snow storm.
- 11, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park & Periphery (BAR). Leader: Joey Kellner. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Barbara Jones, Tim Schowalter, Joe Tenbrink. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, S 5-15 MPH; 43°-70°). 64 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 7 hours. (55 species, 2657 individuals).
- 11&12, Saturday & Sunday. Southeastern Colorado: Nee-So-Pah & Nee-Noshe Reservoirs; May Valley Rd; Holly; Cottonwood Canyon, Comanche National Grassland (east of Campo), Two Buttes Reservoir (SECOL). Observers: Duane Nelson, Dick Schottler. (Saturday: clear becoming mostly cloudy; Sunday: cloudy, snow showers; Wind, 0-20 MPH; Saturday: 55°-75°; Sunday: 35°-45°). 800 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 21.5 hours birding. (86 species, 7510 individuals).
- 15, Wednesday. Northeastern Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA; Rocky Mountain Arsenal; Bromley Lane to Prospect Reservoir; farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6&61, 6&67 and 18&53; Weld Co. Rd. 49 to Latham Reservoir; U.S. Hwy. 85 to Weld Co. Rds. 114, 45 & 122 (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, W 5-25 MPH; 53°-75°). 279 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 11 hours. (64 species, 9940 individuals).
- 18, Saturday. South Platte River Park (SP). Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Bill Brockner, Susan Checchio, Dave Christian, Sarah Christian, Lin Denham, Hazel Kellogg, Dick Pautsch, Floyd Pendell, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams, Paul Williamson. (Mostly clear; Wind, 5-20 MPH; 51°-82°). 6 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 6 hours. (48 species, 629 individuals).
- 21-23, Tuesday through Thursday. Southeastern Colorado: Denver to Pueblo via I-25; Pueblo to Ordway via Colo. Hwy. 96; Lake Henry; Sugar City to Rocky Ford; Lamar; Springfield to Campo; Comanche National Grassland (Pasture 1AE); Cottonwood Canyon; Two Buttes SWA; Nee-Noshe & Nee-So-Pah Reservoirs (SECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear all three days; Wind, NW to W 5-20 MPH; 25°-85°). 721 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 39.5 hours birding. (110 species, 12137 individuals).
- 25, Saturday. Bear Creek-plains to foothills(BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Tim Maguire, Hugh Ravatt, Mort Staatz, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy; 55°-75°). 30 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8 hours. (37 species, 257 individuals).
- 25, Saturday. Pueblo area: Lake Minnequa, CF&I Lakes, Pueblo Res. (PUB).
- 26, Sunday. Arkansas Valley Reservoirs (ARKS). Leader: David Silverman. Observers: David Blue, Joyce Bowles, Ruth Breckon, Toni Brevillier, Peter Carlton, Freddie Carter, Lois Drury, Ray & Linda Ferguson, Katie Hamrick, Flora Harrison, Alan & Dee Hay, Suzanne Hilton, Bernie & Steve Jesik, Dave Johnson, Freda Krolik, Aileen Lotz, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Bill Payne, Floyd Pendell, Toni Piazzon, Helen Randall, Tim Schowalter, Kurt Schuelke, Ann Southcott, Bob Spencer, Joe Tenbrink, Inez Wilmes, Mark Yeager. (Saturday: Clear becoming cloudy in P.M., Sunday: Clear becoming cloudy in late P.M.; Wind, 0-15 MPH; 50°-85°). Saturday: 200 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 10 hours. (77 species, 1285 individuals). Sunday: 310 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 9 hours. (83 species, 3093 individuals).
- 27-29, Monday through Wednesday. Southeastern Colorado: Denver to Pueblo

and Ordway; Lake Henry & Lake Meredith; farm pond at Crowley Co. Rds. 23&F; Rocky Ford SFA; Lake Cheraw; Blue Lake; Lake Hasty RA (John Martin Dam); Lamar; Holly; Dorenkamp's Pasture; Nee-Noshe & Nee-So-Pah Reservoirs (SECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Cloudy, rain showers on 4-27, clear on 4-28, partly cloudy on 4-29; Wind, W to SW 5-20 MPH; 50^o-85^o). 674 miles by car, 9 miles on foot. 38 hours birding. (117 species, 18907 individuals).

SPECIAL DFO TRIP TO UPPER TEXAS COAST - APRIL 16 through APRIL 21, 1987: Leader: Bob Righter. Participants: Virginia Bleck, Janet Cooper, Bill Gillespie, Patty Echelmeyer, Ed McConkey, Randy Pullen. (203 species). Highlights: 26 warbler species including Swainson's Warbler; 8 tern species; Sprague's Pipit, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Sedge Wren, Le Conte's Sparrow, Yellow Rail, Least Bittern; 34 shorebird species with a special treat of a Ruff which was seen by all.

APRIL 1987	3-4	5	7-8	11	11	11-12	15	18	21-23	25	25	26	27-29
AREA COVERED	SWC	WG	NCCOL	WR/BY	BAR	SECOL	NECO	SP	SECOL	BC	PUB	ARKS	SECOL
HABITAT COVERED	MTN	PL	PLFHM	PLAIN	PLN	PLAIN	PLNS	PL	PLAIN	PF	PLN	PLNS	PLAIN
Pied-billed Grebe	2	1		1	2			1			12	10	2
Horned Grebe		1		4	44		80			2	4	6	
Eared Grebe									105		3	16	3
Western Grebe				4	9	20	110	10	140	9	130	56	560
Clark's Grebe				1		2			7		6	3	2
Am. White Pelican				60	1	45	7		5			19	112
Double-cr. Cormorant				15	195	8	125	2	1		3	3	27
Great Blue Heron		1		11	93	2	100	7		3	3	4	5
Snowy Egret									2		2	13	2
Cattle Egret											1		
Egret sp.												1	
Black-cr. Night-Heron		1i								2		2	3ad
White-faced Ibis							1	7	29		1	627	113
Snow Goose													
"White" form						2500			35				15
"Blue" form						10							1
Ross' Goose						125							
"White" form									150				50
"Blue" form									2				
Canada Goose	6	20	16		15	6	50	19	2	23	4	5	
Wood Duck		3						42					1ma
Green-winged Teal	13	4	57	600	75	24	200	15	26		48	27	37
Mallard	40	25	70	1000	60	50	530	47	338	16	12	30	195
Northern Pintail	1		90	100	53	12	250		102		1	3	6
Blue-winged Teal				7	6	8	30		27		20	11	45
Cinnamon Teal	10		2		21	1ma	25	7	1m1f		14	2	22
Northern Shoveler	3		1ma	1750	400	100	2000	22	3300		240	88	3900
Gadwall	2	10	30	3500	160	35	1200	25	550	4	10	12	330
American Wigeon	15	11	20	350	30	20	500	18	255		23	8	260
Canvasback					12				1ma				
Redhead	10	88	2	200	50	10	100		1ma			13	30
Ring-necked Duck	60	1		1m1f	3ma		2m2f	2					
Lesser Scaup	14	13	30	2000	300	20	1500	10	15		23	26	5
Common Goldeneye	1	5			20	1	25	1	1ma				
Bufflehead	14	1	1ma	25	12	20	110	21	55		1	4	1m2f
Hooded Merganser	1												
Common Merganser	22	2		25			3m2f	6					
Red-br. Merganser		4											
Ruddy Duck	6			400	11		650		550		55	81	575
Turkey Vulture	3		5	3	1	9			5		1	1	1
Osprey									1				1

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Bald Eagle	5				2aN		1aN						
Northern Harrier	1		1ma	3m1f	1ma	7	2ma		1fe		1	2	1m1f
Sharp-shinned Hawk						4			1ad				
Cooper's Hawk									2ad				1
Swainson's Hawk					2	15	2N		22		2	8	20
Red-tailed Hawk	1				2						5NY	3	
"Western" races			10	1ad		2		1	3	1			1im
"Krider's" race						1							
Ferruginous Hawk							1ad		2ad				
Rough-legged Hawk			2	1									
Golden Eagle	1	1i	7a1i			1	1im		2a1i	1		1	
American Kestrel	5		4	10	2	175	5	2		4	4	5	29
Peregrine Falcon						1							
Prairie Falcon			1		1	2					1		
Ring-necked Pheasant				3ma	1fe	10	1m2f	2				2	8
Sage Grouse			25m6f										
Gtr. Prairie-Chicken				15m3f									
Lsr. Prairie-Chicken						8			8ma				
Sharp-tailed Grouse			12										
Wild Turkey	5			3m3f								1	
Northern Bobwhite						25							5
Scaled Quail						3			8		6	7	
Virginia Rail					2-H								
American Coot	200	9		5	450	75	115	23	2001	1	50	36	2065
Sandhill Crane			16			2000A							
Black-bellied Plover													2
Snowy Plover												1	1
Semipalmated Plover									2		5	2	16
Killdeer	2		14	4	25	25	35	12	21	3	20	17	52
Black-necked Stilt												13	10
American Avocet				35		40	22		4		6	11	58
Greater Yellowlegs			1		7		8		1		4	2	
Lesser Yellowlegs					15			4	1		2		4
Solitary Sandpiper											1	1	
Willet						1					3		2
Spotted Sandpiper												1	2
Whimbrel													2
Long-billed Curlew						8			1			2	1
Hudsonian Godwit									4				1
Marbled Godwit									13		2	6	1
Semipalmated Sandpiper												1	1
Western Sandpiper									10		15	3	11
Least Sandpiper									10			2	72
Baird's Sandpiper					4	3			44		1	4	188
Dunlin													1
Long-billed Dowitcher									10		3	28	140
Common Snipe	2	1			2			10		6			
Wilson's Phalarope									200		14	27	152
Franklin's Gull						3	4		20		3		2
Bonaparte's Gull				3ad		3	4ad		1ad		1		4
Ring-billed Gull	3	8	2	35	5	150	500	35	35		8	5	19
California Gull				1	2		100	10	13			1	46
Herring Gull				1im		1	3						16
Thayer's Gull							1im						1im

NOTES: N=active nest observed; NY=active nest with young observed; A=one albino bird observed; H=heard only.

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Caspian Tern													1
Forster's Tern									6			2	7
Rock Dove	6	8	23	10	9	60	30	14	85	7	16	19	75
Mourning Dove			1	5		100	3	15	315	6	29	51	520
Greater Roadrunner									2				1
Eastern Screech-Owl		1				4			3				
Western Screech-Owl													
Great Horned Owl	1-H		1	1		2		2	1ad	3			3ad
Burrowing Owl							2		3			1	
Chimney Swift													1
White-throated Swift										1			
Belted Kingfisher	2			1	1ma			12	2	2	1	2	1fe
Lewis' Woodpecker						1			5		3		4
Red-naped Sapsucker	2												
Williamson's Sapsucker			1ma										
Ladder-bk. Woodpecker						2			1fe				
Downy Woodpecker		2				1		6	1	3			
"Eastern" races				3									1fe
Hairy Woodpecker						3							
"Rocky Mtn." race			1						1fe				
Northern Flicker				5									3
"Yellow-shafted"				20		2							
"Red-shafted"	15	25	7	5	5	8	2	21	8	9	2	1	1
Least Flycatcher													
Eastern Phoebe						14			6				
Say's Phoebe	3		1	1		10	1		10		3	4	2
Ash-thr. Flycatcher									1				
Western Kingbird												2	10
Eastern Kingbird												1	
Horned Lark			25	175	5	750	350		885	7	17	251	320
Tree Swallow			15	2		4	3	5					12
Violet-green Swallow	2											2	
No. Rough-wg. Swallow									2	2			
Bank Swallow											2		
Cliff Swallow											24		400
Barn Swallow						2		10	19		38	40	90
Swallow sp.					2								
Gray Jay			1										
Steller's Jay	6		2										
Blue Jay			1	2			1	1					4
Scrub Jay	1		1			4			2				
Pinyon Jay											4		
Clark's Nutcracker	1												
Black-billed Magpie	40	40	27A	4	38	20	25	35	22	22	21	18	45
American Crow	300		65			5	2		17		5		5
Chihuahuan Raven						15			4				
Common Raven	30		17							1	2		
Black-cap. Chickadee	2	10		8	11		3	1					5
Mountain Chickadee	10									1			
Bushtit						5							
White-br. Nuthatch		1		2									
Pygmy Nuthatch			3							6			
Brown Creeper	1												
Rock Wren						6			20		4		3

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Canyon Wren	1					3			8				
Bewick's Wren						30			25				5
House Wren													4
American Dipper	2		1										
Golden-cr. Kinglet						1							
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1			1				1
Eastern Bluebird				3ma									
Western Bluebird	30		1ma										
Mountain Bluebird	10		19										
Townsend's Solitaire	5		1	4		7			15				
Swainson's Thrush													1
American Robin	50	16	25	40	15	120	40	24	90	25	24	19	100
Northern Mockingbird									1			1	
Brown Thrasher													3
Curve-billed Thrasher						1			1			1	
Water Pipit									3		2		1
Bohemian Waxwing			7										
Loggerhead Shrike				2		4	1		11		2	1	8
European Starling	75	35	65	50	100	100	130	36	90	25	24	41	340
Orange-crowned Warbler													7
Nashville Warbler													1ma
Yellow-rumped Warbler													
"Myrtle" race						1			2ma	8			40
"Audubon's" race									20ma	12			10
Blackpoll Warbler													1ma
Hooded Warbler											1		
Wilson's Warbler													2ma
Summer Tanager													1ma
Rufous-sided Towhee											1		
"Spotted" races			4						2ma				
Brown Towhee						5			10		4		
Cassin's Sparrow									1				
Rufous-crowned Sparrow						2			1				
Chipping Sparrow									2				
Clay-colored Sparrow													4
Brewer's Sparrow									1				2
Vesper Sparrow						9			137		5	3	46
Lark Sparrow									2		2	2	
Lark Bunting												1	1ma
Savannah Sparrow							1						
Song Sparrow	6	12	5			1	3	5	3	4		1	
Lincoln's Sparrow													3
White-throat. Sparrow													1ad
White-crowned Sparrow						60				2	2	5	
"Gambel's" race				2ad					62				200
Harris' Sparrow													1im
Dark-eyed Junco		1				10							
"Slate-color." race				1	1				1				
"Oregon" race			3	5	1		4		1				
"Gray-headed" race	120								3				
McCown's Longspur							50						
Chestnut-coll Longspur							2m2f						
Redwinged Blackbird	30	35	115	100	200	75	275	56	220	9	44	68	530
Western Meadowlark	10		55	250	90	200	300	3	1230	3	68	79	1600
Yellow-hd. Blackbird					17		11		60		13	1060	450
Brewer's Blackbird								2	7		24		28

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Great-tailed Grackle													2ma
Common Grackle			1	30	21	200	120	14	353	12	64	132	4500
Brown-headed Cowbird						6			6				40
Cassin's Finch			1										
House Finch		2	55	10			20	2	85	1	54	11	30
Pine Siskin				1					27			2	25
American Goldfinch	4	3	4	3	20	5		2	6			2	15
House Sparrow	1	10	75	60	25	60	150	2	205	9	6	7	150
TOTAL SPECIES-194	58	36	58	62	55	86	64	48	110	37	77	83	117

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Great Egret 4-19 (2) Boulder Valley Farms east of 95th St. along Boulder Creek, Boulder Co. (DN).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 4-26 (1 adult) Night-Heron rookery at Duck Lake, Denver City Park, Denver Co. (DM).

White-faced Ibis 4-28 (21) along Buckley Rd. near 128th Ave., Adams Co. (TJ).

Snow Goose 4-10 (9 adults-"White" form) Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR).

Wood Duck 4-22 (1 male, 1 female) eastern end of McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (TJ); 4-30 (1 male, 1 female) Plum Creek, Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (TJ).

Red-breasted Merganser 4-22 (3 males) McLellan Reservoir (TJ).

Osprey 4-5 (1) along South Platte River upstream from Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (DB); 4-16 (1) Federal Heights, Adams Co. (HH); 4-22 (1) flying over "Kingfisher Bridge" with fish, Chatfield SRA (TJ); 4-26 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (TJ); numerous other sightings during the month.

Cooper's Hawk 4-22 (1) flying over Johns Manville, Jefferson Co. (TJ).

Swainson's Hawk 4-10 (1) Prospect Reservoir (JR).

Black-necked Stilt 4-24 (2) Sheridan Lake, Kiowa Co. (DB).

Thayer's Gull 4-3 (1, first winter) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR, RR).

BOREAL OWL 4-11 (1 seen, 1 heard) east of Gould at mile posts 57 & 60 along Colo. Hwy. 14, Jackson Co. (BG); 4-26 through 4-28 (1 heard and seen) just east of Echo Lake, Clear Creek Co. (LS, plus several others).

Williamson's Sapsucker 4-3 (1 male) Genesee Mountain Park, Jefferson Co. (JR).

Eastern Phoebe 4-8 (1) South Platte River upstream from Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (DB).

Varied Thrush 4-1 & 4-2 (1 male) present for past three months in Fort Collins, Larimer Co. (PO, M.ob.).

Northern Mockingbird 4-25 (1) east of Holyoke, Phillips Co. (DB).

Bohemian Waxwing Numerous reports throughout Denver Metro area during the month.

Orange-crowned Warbler 4-23 (1) South Platte River upstream from Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (DB).

Yellow-rumped Warbler 4-4 (1 male-"Audubon's" race) South Platte Park, Littleton, Arapahoe Co. (EH).

Summer Tanager 4-20 & 4-21 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (MK, DM, DN).

Northern Cardinal 4-21 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DM, DN).

Black-throated Sparrow 4-26 (1) along Weld Co. 45 between Weld Co. Rds. 2&4 (DS).

Sage Sparrow 4-23 (1) San Luis Lake, Alamosa Co. (DS).

Fox Sparrow 4-21 through 4-29 (1 adult-"Slate-colored" race) Coal Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. (DN, plus several others).

McCown's Longspur 4-4 (6) Murphy's Pasture, Pawnee National Grassland, Weld Co. (HH).

Chestnut-collared Longspur 4-4 (5) Murphy's Pasture, Pawnee National Grassland (HH).

Rosy Finch 4-5 (30+"Brown-capped" race) 7 miles up Chicago Creek Rd. from Idaho Springs, Clear Creek Co. (HH); 4-5 (12-"Gray-crowned" race, 4-"Hepburn's" race, 2-"Black" race) at same location (HH).

ADDENDUM: Common Loon 4-22 (1 adult, breeding plumage) McLellan Reservoir (TJ).

CONTRIBUTORS TO ADDITIONAL REPORTS: Dan Bridges (DB), Bill Gillespie (BG), Harold Holt (HH), Ed Holub (EH), Tina Jones (TJ), M. Krebs (MK), David Martin (DM), Duane Nelson (DN), Paul Opler (PO), Jack Reddall (JR), Bob Righter (BR), Larry Sanders (LS), Dick Schottler (DS).

NOTICE: Attached to this issue of the Lark Bunting is the current membership roster of the Denver Field Ornithologists. Please review this listing to ensure that your name, address and telephone is correct. Should you find any errors or omissions, please contact David Martin at: 9330 West 90th Drive, Westminster, Colorado 80020 (tel: 422-9143). DO NOT CONTACT THE EDITOR OF THE LARK BUNTING!

NOTICE: For program to rehabilitate and care for injured and orphaned birds of prey, collect cancelled foreign and United States commemorative postage stamps, undamaged duck and state conservation stamps, old and foreign picture postal cards. For information about this Florida Audubon program, call Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947) who delivers them personally.

NOTICE: We deeply regret to announce the death of long-time and active member of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Ray Olson, who passed away on April 14, 1987 in Green Valley, Arizona. Ray was an active leader of field trips for our organization for many years and served as Field Trip Coordinator for a number of years. We also would like to thank Mr. William Echelmeyer for taking the time to call many of Ray's friends here in the Denver area to let them know of Ray's death. Ray will be missed by all of us who knew him and birded with him both here in Colorado as well as in Arizona where he retired.

NOTICE: We also regret to announce that Jim Lane died in California in late March of this year. Jim was the author of the popular "Birder's Guide" series of books and had many friends among the Denver Field Ornithologists.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

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The Denver Field Ornithologists wish to thank Bill Lamm and Joey Kellner for their contributions to the RARE BIRD ALERT. (423-5582).

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! The Denver Field Ornithologists desperately need someone to volunteer to take over the as Editor of the Lark Bunting. This position is considered as an Officer of the DFO and is critical to the continued publishing of our newsletter. Please contact Kathy Hawkins (757-0809) or Hugh Kingery (333-0161) if you are interested in applying for the job.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 1987

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help to conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

JUNE 3, Wednesday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at Prospect Park Lake at 7:30 A.M. (44th Ave. about Robb Street) *

6, Saturday. LONGMONT/LYONS AREA. Leaders: Bill & Inez Prather (1-776-2191). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History north parking lot at 6:30 A.M. to carpool. Meet leader at 7:30 A.M. at Jim Hamm Nature Area (on Boulder/Weld Co. Line Road about one mile south of Colo. Hwy. 66) *

7, Sunday. APEX TRAIL (Blue Grouse possible). Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). A strenuous uphill hike to look for birds and wild flowers. Bring a canteen of water. Meet at 6:00 A.M. at Apex Open Space parking lot north of Heritage Square (entrance off Colo. Hwy. 93 just north of junction with U.S. Hwy. 40). *

10, Wednesday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at west gate at 7:00 A.M. Half-day trip, lunch is optional.

- JUNE 13, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Joe Tenbrink (452-6546). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History north parking lot at 6:00 A.M. to carpool. Meet Leader at park entrance at 6:30 A.M. *
- 14, Sunday. ELDORA/NEDERLAND AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth (southeast corner) at 6:30 A.M. to carpool. Leave cars parked on the street east of the church parking lot (Vance Street). Meet Leader at Basemar Shopping Center, southeast corner of Baseline and Broadway (Colo. Hwy. 93) in Boulder at 7:45 A.M. *
- 17, Wednesday. FORT COLLINS AREA INCLUDING THE OWL CANYON PINYON PINE GROVE. Leader: Ron Ryder (1-482-8089). Coordinators: Field Trip Coordinators (Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History north parking lot at 6:00 A.M. to carpool. Meet Leader at Cache La Poudre Junior High School parking lot in La Porte at 8:00 A.M. *
- 20, Saturday. REYNOLDS PARK, FOXTON & DECKERS. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center southwest of Burlington Coat Factory at 6:30 A.M. or at the Highlander Inn at Conifer at 7:15 A.M. *
- 21, Sunday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, MORaine AND HORSESHOE PARK AREAS. Leader: Bob Righter (692-8529). Meet at 6:15 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, southeast corner of 38th and Wadsworth to carpool. Leave cars parked on the street east of the church parking lot (Vance Street). Meet Leader at National Park Headquarters at 8:15 A.M. *
- 24, Wednesday. CHATFIELD RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Park and Ride on Wadsworth south of U.S. Hwy. 285. *
- 28, Saturday. TEMPLE CANYON PARK, CANYON CITY. Joint Field Trip with Arkansas Valley Audubon Society. Leader: Dave Silverman. Meet up with group in Pueblo at 8:45 A.M. at park on U.S. Hwy. 50 just east of the prison in Canyon City. Carpool at 6:30 A.M. at Howard Johnsons on Hampden just east of I-25. *
- 29, Sunday. BEAR CREEK-plains to foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center. *

* BRING LUNCH

SUBMITTED BY:

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, WITH EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M., DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

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MAY 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

MAY 2, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Denver (City Park) to Nunn (City Park) via U.S. Hwy. 85; Pawnee National Grassland/Central Plains Experimental Range (USDA) along Weld Co. Rds. 114, 45, 122, 37; La Salle (City Park); Lower Latham Reservoir; farm ponds along Weld Co. Rds. 48, 47, 45, 42 & 40; return by way of Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (NCC). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Demot Cooper, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Thompson & Susan Marsh; Dick Pautsch, John & Carol Schenck, Tim Schowalter, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink. (Partly cloudy in A.M. turning cloudy with moderate rain in P.M.; Wind, variable becoming NW, 10-20 MPH in P.M.; 49°-65°). 232 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 10.5 hours. (90 species, 5944 individuals).

3, Sunday. Rigli Ranch. Trip cancelled due to inclement weather.

16, Saturday. East Boulder/White Rocks Trail and White Rocks Preservation Area, Boulder Valley and East Boulder (WR). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Ron Carter, David & Martha Gulbenkian, Hazel Hanley, Dee Hay, Ed Holub, David Martin, Dick Pautsch, Tim Schowalter, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink. (Clear; Wind, calm; 52°-83°). 8 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 7 hours. (55 species, 293 individuals).

1987 SPRING COUNT (Kathy Hawkins, compiler):

SATURDAY - MAY 16

Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Bobbie Ausfahl, Ursula Barsch, Brenda Cockrell, Walter Collins, Joey Kellner, Jean Maguire, Floyd Pendell. (Clear to partly cloudy; 80°). 8½ hours.

5 miles. (68 species, 812 individuals).

Barr Lake Periphery (BLP). Leader: Judy Ward. Observer: Mel Gabel. (Clear; 55°-75°). 45.25 miles. 5 hours. (60 species, 1643 individuals).

Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Mike Carter, Warren Finch, Bob Spencer. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 50°-80°). 10 miles. 9.5 hours. (70 species, 1418 individuals).

SUNDAY - MAY 17

Red Rocks Park (RR). Leader: Ron Carter. Observers: None! (Partly cloudy with P.M. rain and hail; 56°-78°-49°). 28 miles. 9.5 hours. (28 species, 352 individuals).

Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Linda Metcalf, Bob Spencer. (Partly cloudy with P.M. thunderstorms; Wind, 0-40 MPH; 55°-70°-60°). 14 miles. 6 hours. (49 species, 1100 individuals).

Waterton (WTN). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Hazel Hanley, Kathy Hirst, Deb Ostergard, Dick Pratt, Joan Walter, Jack Whiting. (Partly cloudy; 50°-70°). 15 miles. 8 hours. (70 species, 611 individuals).

Chatfield Reservoir SRA (CRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Richard Hale, Bob Righter, Tim Schowalter, Joe Tenbrink. (Partly cloudy, severe P.M. thunderstorms; Wind, variable 0-15 MPH; 55°-75°). 24 miles. 9 hours. (69 species, 1674 individuals).

SUMMARY OF SPRING COUNTS 1980-1987

YEAR	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980
TOTAL SPECIES	129	159	145	167	183	167	130	137
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	7610	10522	9466	8861	10798	11236	6618	6996

17, Sunday. Southeastern Colorado: Baca County: Cottonwood Canyon & Carrizo Canyon (SEC). Leader: Scott Seltman (DFO member). Observers: Don & Margaret Clemence, Wilma Heasley, Joanne Hackerott, Bev Hodges, Ruth Hodges, Marvin & Nancy Koelsch, Nathan & Geula McDonald, Diane Seltman, Lawrence & Ruth Smith, Eddie & Savilla Stegall, Dennis & Jan Tregellas, Ralph & Mary Wiley, Rob Wilson (Wichita Audubon Society). (Partly cloudy; Wind, S 0-10 MPH; 55°-80°). 120 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours. (69 species, 1974 individuals).

23-25, Saturday through Monday. Western Slope of Colorado: McClure Pass to Delta; Escalante SWA; Colorado National Monument; Grand Valley; "Stateline Pinyon Grove"; Battleship Rock west of Glade Park; Cameo; DeBeque (WCOLORADO). Leaders: David Martin & Duane Nelson. Observers: Ron Carter; Bobbie DeMuth; Alan Hay; Bob & Jeanne Jickling; Dick Pautsch; Tim, Katie & Marie Schowalter; Bob & Shirley Spencer, Linda Vidal, Rob Wilson. (Mostly clear to partly cloudy, scattered thunderstorms; Wind, 0-50 MPH; 40°-75°). 245 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. Hours spent birding-? (105 species, 1764 individuals).

23, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Nevin Corl, Hazel Hanley, Phil Hayes, Karin Hillhouse, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Jo Anne Kyhl, Carol Lofft, Susan & Thompson Marsh, Martha Marshall, Bill Payne, Floyd Pendell, John Schenck, Norma & Joe Shwed, Joe Tenbrink, Carley Warren, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams, Martha Zoetewey. (Partly cloudy; Wind, calm; 50°-65°). 3 miles on foot. 5 hours. (48 species, 311 individuals).

30, Saturday. Roxborough State Park & Waterton Canyon (RW). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Jessie & Walt Bowles, Evelyn & Woody Brown, Ron Carter, Susan Checchio, David & Gayle Dunston, Ralph Ehret, Hilda Eichenberger, Tom & Ginny Faxon, Phil Hayes, Dick & Lois Himes, Irv Jackson, Kris Joy, Hazel Kellogg, Bill & Marty Lamm, Jean Maguire, Susan & Thompson Marsh, Bob & Marty Montgomery, Carol Prisom-Reed, Maureen Robinson,

Henry & Vi Bossman, Mary Jane Schock, Joe Tenbrink, Vito Tursi, Carley Warren, Virgil Williams, Leah Yordy. (Mostly sunny; Wind, S 3-5 MPH; 55°-78°). 50 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Hours spent birding? (58 species, 339 individuals).

31, Sunday. Chatfield Reservoir SRA (CRA). Leader: Ron Carter. Observers: Dave Balogh, Hazel Hanley, Bill Payne, Lynn Peterson, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, calm; 50°-80°). 20 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8.5 hours. (51 species, 822 individuals).

MAY 1987 AREA COVERED HABITAT COVERED	2 NCC PLN	16 WR PF	ANNUAL SPRING COUNT								17 SEC PLN	23-25 WCOLO PLFHM	23 GB PL	30 RW FH	31 CRA PLN
			16 CCR PLN	16 BLP PLN	16 BAR PLN	17 RR FH	17 BCP PLN	17 WTN PLN	17 CRA PLN	SPG CNT TOT					
Pied-billed Grebe			1	8	5		5	7		26					
Eared Grebe			1		4					5					
Western Grebe	500		23	6	14				50	93					21
Clark's Grebe	1		1						1	2					2
American White Pelican	2			26	4					30					
Double-crested Cormorant	25		2	16	125		3	8	120	274			1	5	148
American Bittern	1		4							4					
Great Blue Heron	6	14	10	6	22		1	5	85	129		8N		2	101
Great Egret		2N													
Snowy Egret	6											3			
Green-backed Heron								1	1	2					
Black-crown. Night-Heron	1ad	4	3	1	2					6			3	1	
Yellow-crnd. Night-Heron	1ad														
White-faced Ibis	11		8		4					12					
Canada Goose	6	14	28	22	30		9	4	12	105		35	22		36
Wood Duck		1m						5	1	6			1		4
Green-winged Teal	20			3				2		5					
Mallard	300	8	17	70	36		25	10	20	186	2	3	5	2	6
Northern Pintail	5			17	11					28					
Blue-winged Teal	60	2	10	10	3		4	3		32					
Cinnamon Teal	45	2	6	12	4			4		28		1			
Northern Shoveler	400	2		30	7		1	1	2	43					
Gadwall	200	2	8	6	30		4	4	3	57					
American Wigeon	50			2						2					
Canvasback	3														
Redhead	2			55	3		4		2	64					
Ring-necked Duck							2	4		6					
Lesser Scaup	150			2						2			3		
Bufflehead	10											1			
Hooded Merganser									1fe	1fe					
Common Merganser		1f						4	5	9		1			
Ruddy Duck	100				35					35					
Turkey Vulture		2						1		1	20	15		8	
Osprey	1		1						1	2		2			1
Northern Harrier	2		2	1fe						3					
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1			
Cooper's Hawk												1			
Swainson's Hawk	5	1	3	4	1					8	50	1			
Red-tailed Hawk											20	2			
"Western" races		2			1		2	4		7					
Ferruginous Hawk							1			1	2				
Golden Eagle	1ad									?					
American Kestrel	4	7	3	1	3		6	3	2	18	10	4		4	2
Peregrine Falcon												1			
Prairie Falcon										?	2	1			
Ring-necked Pheasant	2ma	2	8		2					10	20	5			

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Scaled Quail										20					
Gambel's Quail												6			
Virginia Rail			3	1-H	1-H					5					1
Sora	1-H		2-H							2					
American Coot	300		2	18	24		7	4	2	57			1		
Semipalmated Plover	1														
Killdeer	35	3	25	30	16		6	5	8	90	20	10	1	1	3
Mountain Plover	2										1				
Black-necked Stilt	2														
American Avocet	20	3		17						17					
Greater Yellowlegs	3														
Lesser Yellowlegs	4														
Willet	5														
Spotted Sandpiper		1	12	4	9			4	4	34			1		1
Long-billed Curlew											20				
Least Sandpiper	12														
Stilt Sandpiper				1						1					
Long-billed Dowitcher	65														
Common Snipe	4			1						1		1			
Wilson's Phalarope	15		1	28						29					
SHOREBIRDS										???					
Franklin's Gull	10				8				1	9					4
Ring-billed Gull	75		15	6	12				9	42		1			14
California Gull	80		9		15		3		20	47					
Herring Gull	2														
Thayer's Gull	2im														
Forster's Tern				2	2					4					
Black Tern			1	3	10					14					
Rock Dove	90	14	6	15	9	42	20	1	35	128	100	130	11	8	
Mourning Dove	150	21	17	50	44	8	15	8	15	157	100	45	14	6	5
Greater Roadrunner											1				
Common Barn-Owl		1										2			
Western Screech-Owl												2a1i			
Great Horned Owl		10	2							2					1
Burrowing Owl									1	1	5	1			1
Long-eared Owl												1a3i			
Common Nighthawk												2			9
Chimney Swift	2										2				
White-throated Swift						29				29		50		11	
Black-chin. Hummingbird											1pr	6			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			1					4	1ma	6		10		5	
Belted Kingfisher	1ma	2	1		1		3	1	1	7		1	1	3	2
Lewis' Woodpecker											30				
Red-headed Woodpecker											5				
Ladder-backed Woodpecker											3				
Downy Woodpecker		1	3		1		1		4	9			1	1	
Hairy Woodpecker										?	1	1			
Northern Flicker												4			
"Red-shafted" race		2	9		6	2	15	1	4	37	20		6	2	2
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1							1	1		2	1	
Western Wood-Pewee			1		2				1	4			3	3	7
Willow Flycatcher						1H				1				1	1
Least Flycatcher									1	1					
Gray Flycatcher												1			

	ANNUAL SPRING COUNT															
MAY 1987	2	16	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	SPG	17	23-25	23	30	31	
AREA COVERED	NCC	WR	CCR	BLP	BAR	RR	BCP	WTN	CRA	CNT	SEC	WCOLO	GB	RW	CRA	
HABITAT COVERED	PLN	PF	PLN	PLN	PLN	FH	PLN	PLN	PLN	TOT	PLN	PLFHM	PL	FH	PLN	
Empidonax species		1											1		2	
Eastern Phoebe										3						
Say's Phoebe	3							1		1	10	4				
Ash-throated Flycatcher										5	5	4				
Cassin's Kingbird										5						
Western Kingbird	1	1	8	44	27			2	2	83	100	20		2	2	
Eastern Kingbird	1	2		2	18			4	12	36	1	1		2	10	
Horned Lark	350			10	3			3	1	17	100	20				
Tree Swallow	5		4	1	16		150		75	246		12			6	
Violet-green Swallow						48	2	20	60	130		100		43		
No. Rough-winged Swallow	10	4			7		10	1	5	23	2	4	7	5		
Bank Swallow	5			1						1			35			
Cliff Swallow	15		5			59	120	200	500	884	300	100	4		207	
Barn Swallow	85	19	11	70	9		25	17	40	172	100	50	9	3	15	
Steller's Jay						1				1		2				
Blue Jay	3			1						1			1			
Scrub Jay						9		2		11	7	2		24		
Pinyon Jay												85				
Clark's Nutcracker												2				
Black-billed Magpie	5	14	10	35	25	28	35	13	30	176	20	30	16	6	8	
American Crow	3					1		3	2	6	5			5	1	
Chihuahuan Raven											50N					
Common Raven							1	1		2	20	50		6	2	
Black-capped Chickadee		1	12		13		2	6	10	43		2	15	8	1	
Plain Titmouse											2	4				
Bushtit												15				
White-breasted Nuthatch										?			1			
Rock Wren	1	2									20	1		1		
Canyon Wren		1								?	5	3		2		
Bewick's Wren											20	4				
House Wren		8	13	4	31	2	?	26	55	131	1	8	3	4	15	
Marsh Wren	15															
American Dipper							2			2		1				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1															
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher								3		3		16N	1	5		
Mountain Bluebird												12				
Townsend's Solitaire												1				
Swainson's Thrush			1		2			2		5	1		2			
Hermit Thrush					2					2						
American Robin	25	3	10	30	16	12	55	4	15	142	5	10	7	9	14	
Gray Catbird			2			1		4	5	12		1		2	1	
Northern Mockingbird											20	2				
Sage Thrasher												3				
Curve-billed Thrasher											1					
Cedar Waxwing								1	3	4			6		8	
Loggerhead Shrike	13										20	3				
European Starling	500	21	75	?	200	8	90	30	60	463	5	200	15	6	16	
Gray Vireo												2				
Solitary Vireo					1					1						
Warbling Vireo					1			1		2		1		2	1	
Red-eyed Vireo								2	1	3						
Orange-crowned Warbler										?		1				
Virginia's Warbler										?		1				
Yellow Warbler		7	17	9	15	7	15	23	25	111	10	14	6	9	12	

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Yellow-rumped Warbler								1		1		8			
"Myrtle" race	2				1					1			1		
"Audubon's" race			4		6	3			2	15			1	2	
Black-thr. Gray Warbler												2			
American Redstart								3		3					
Worm-eating Warbler								1D		1D					
Northern Waterthrush					1				1	2					
Kentucky Warbler							1ND			1ND					
MacGillivray's Warbler														1	
Common Yellowthroat		3	100	10	4		5		2ma	124		1	9		2
Wilson's Warbler				1				1		2				1	
Yellow-breasted Chat			2			6		4	12	24			1	1	2
Western Tanager						1	3	2		6		3	5	13	4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak															
Black-headed Grosbeak					1		1	3	1ma	6	1fe	2	5	22	
Blue Grosbeak		1m								30		2			
Lazuli Bunting			1		1	1	1	31	6ma	41	2	2		5	5
Indigo Bunting		1							1ma	2	1ma				
Green-tailed Towhee	1	1			2	1				3				1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	1	1	1		20		22	15	59		1		29	2
Cassin's Sparrow											20				
Chipping Sparrow	2	2	20	1	25		5			51		50N		1	
Clay-colored Sparrow					1					1					
Brewer's Sparrow	10	2										8			
Vesper Sparrow	8	1	2				2	10	1	15		3			
Lark Sparrow				4		3		1	5	13	100	20			
Black-throated Sparrow												6			
Sage Sparrow												10			
Lark Bunting	1			9						9	100				
Savannah Sparrow			2							2					
Grasshopper Sparrow											1				
Song Sparrow	1		6	3	3		10	4	5	31	1	1	6	1	4
Lincoln's Sparrow					4				1	5					
White-crowned Sparrow					2				2ad	4		3			
"Gambel's" race	5														
Dark-eyed Junco												1			
"Slate-colored" race						2				2					
McCown's Longspur	25														
Chestnut-coll. Longspur	1pr														
Bobolink		4													
Red-winged Blackbird	800	29	100	360	110		85	10	40	705	20	60	27	4	17
Western Meadowlark	450	10	30	65	24	7	90	3	95	314	100	200	3	15	21
Yellow-head. Blackbird	280		20	200	150		15			365	1	10			6
Brewer's Blackbird	4		2					8	15	25		100	1	3	
Common Grackle	225	17	30	65	65		85	4	25	274	50	2	15	6	24
Brown-headed Cowbird	15	2	20	15	8	9	8	10	45	115	50	12	6	8	3
Orchard Oriole											50				
Northern Oriole												10			
"Bullock's" race		6	15	14	58	38	20	3	35	183	50		11	2	19
Scott's Oriole												2			

NOTES: D=Written Documentation Submitted.
ND=No Details Provided.

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Cassin's Finch												6			
House Finch	20	2	20			3	55			78		18	3		
Pine Siskin								6		6		4		2	
Lesser Goldfinch												1			
American Goldfinch		2	18	2				13	50	83	2	10	3	4	20
Evening Grosbeak								2		2				5	
House Sparrow	250	2	2	210	60		70	2	1	345	100	50	5	3	
TOTAL SPECIES-203	90	55	68	60	70	28	49	70	69	128	69	105	48	58	51

ABBREVIATIONS & OTHER NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ifa; Pair=pr;
Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS, PLN, PL, P; Foothills=FOOT,
FHL, FH, F; Mountains=MTNS, MTN, MT, M; Active Nest(s)
Observed=N.

ADDITIONAL MAY 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE! Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports":

1. Individual Reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. In addition, sightings reported to the Rare Bird Alert System will not be published in the Lark Bunting unless reported to the compiler in writing as stipulated in item 2 below.
2. Individual Reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983 & 1985) order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location. Please refer to the Supplement to Lark Bunting, Volume 21, Number 3 (December 1985) for instructions to prepare written documentation supporting observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all Individual Reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. Send Additional Reports to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111

Clark's Grebe 5-1 (2) swimming in heron rookery, Chatfield Reservoir SRA, Jefferson/Douglas Co. (TJ); 5-15 (1) farm pond, Weld Co. Rds. 6&67 (JR); 5-20 (3) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (JR); 5-28 (2) Lake Henry, Crowley Co. (JR).
American Bittern 5-14 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR); 5-28 (1) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (JR).
Great Egret 5-28 (1) Lake Meredith (JR).
Snowy Egret 5-20 (2) off U.S. Hwy. 50 near John Martin Reservoir, Bent Co. (TJ); 5-20 (2) farm pond, Crowley Co. Rds. F&23 (JR); 5-28 (4) Lake Henry (JR).
Little Blue Heron 5-1 (1 non-breeding adult-?) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (DB).
Tricolored Heron 5-1 (1 adult) Lake Henry (DB). Written documentation submitted by (DB).
Cattle Egret 5-28 (4 adults) Lake Meredith at the end of Crowley Co. Rd. 20 (JR).
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 5-28 (1 adult) Lake Meredith at the end of Crowley Co. Rd. 20 (JR).

White-faced Ibis 5-1 (14) flying over Plum Creek Nature Area, Chatfield Reservoir SRA (TJ); 5-28 (200+) flooded field along Crowley Co. Rd. 20 just south of intersection with Co. Rd. G (JR).

Snow Goose 5-20 (6 "white" form adults, 1 "blue" form adult) Nee-Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (JR).

Ross' Goose 5-20 (1 adult) Nee-Noshe Reservoir (JR)-the last remnant of the large flock of 150+ present at this location during March and April.

Wood Duck 5-4 (2 males, 2 females) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (JR); 5-8 (4 males, 1 female) along So. Platte River, Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JR); 5-15 (2 males, 2 females) below dam, Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (JR); 5-24 (2 males) along road 63 between Valmont Rd. & Arapahoe Rd., Boulder Co. (TJ).

Canvasback 5-12 (1 female) Bonny Reservoir SRA, Yuma Co. (JR).

Ring-necked Duck 5-8 (1 male) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JR).

Osprey 5-4 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-8 (1) along So. Platte River, Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR); 5-9 (1) Grand Lake, Grand Co. (KH).

Mississippi Kite 5-20 (4 adults) City Park, Lamar, Prowers Co. (JR).

Cooper's Hawk 5-16 (1 adult) Winkler Ranch, Douglas Co. (JR).

Blue Grouse 5-10 (1 displaying male, 2 females) at 9000' near Granby, Grand Co. (PE).

Northern Bobwhite 5-8 (1 heard calling only) along So. Platte River, Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR); 5-15 (1 heard calling only) along So. Platte River, Weldona, Morgan Co. (JR); 5-28 (1 heard calling only) along Arkansas River, Rocky Ford SWA, Otero Co. (JR).

Scaled Quail 5-20 (2) Co. Rds. JJ & 35, Otero Co. (JR).

Black-bellied Plover 5-28 (1 non-breeding plumage) farm pond, Crowley Co. Rds. F&23 (JR).

Snowy Plover 5-20 (1) Cheraw Lake, Otero Co. (JR); 5-20 (1) & 5-28 (4) farm pond, Crowley Co. Rds. F&23 (JR).

Semipalmated Plover 5-4 (6) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-20 (2) farm pond, Crowley Co. Rds. F&23 (JR); 5-28 (1) Lake Henry (JR).

Black-necked Stilt 5-28 (13) farm pond, Crowley Co. Rds. F&23 (JR); 5-28 (1) Lake Meredith (JR).

Solitary Sandpiper 5-4 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-8 (2) Red Lion SWA, Logan Co. (JR).

Willet 5-4 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-5 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (HK).

Upland Sandpiper 5-8 (2) along U.S. Hwy. 138, 2 miles east of Crook, Logan Co. (JR).

Whimbrel 5-15 (1) Jackson Reservoir "Pelican Refuge" along Co. Rd. 2, Morgan Co. (JR).

Marbled Godwit 5-4 (2) Arapahoe Rd. & Road 119, Boulder Co. (TJ).

Sanderling 5-20 (1) farm pond, Crowley Co. Rds. F&23 (JR); 5-28 (4) Lake Henry (JR).

White-rumped Sandpiper 5-28 (4) farm pond, Crowley Co. Rds. F&23 (JR); 5-28 (17) Lake Henry (JR).

Stilt Sandpiper 5-20 (25) farm pond, Crowley Co. Rds. F&23 (JR).

Red-necked Phalarope 5-20 (1 female) & 5-28 (1 male) farm pond, Crowley Co. Rds. F&23 (JR).

Bonaparte's Gull 5-3 (7) Chatfield Reservoir SRA (HK); 5-14 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

Thayer's Gull 5-4 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

Caspian Tern 5-26 (1 breeding plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (DB,RC,DN,AH).
Written documentation submitted (DB).

Black Tern 5-12 (10) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5-15 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 5-27 (1) Sterling, Logan Co. (BR).

Eastern Screech-Owl 5-15 (1 adult) sitting in the open in a small willow about 2 feet above ground at high noon, Muir Springs Park (JR).

Long-eared Owl 5-24 (1 adult, 3 immatures) Tamarack Ranch SWA (DB).

Boreal Owl All month just east of Echo Lake Lodge, Clear Creek Co. First found in April (LS). Seen subsequently by a number of people. One adult observed and photographed on 5-26 (KS,JR).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird 5-9 (3) Grand Lake at 8500' (KH).
Lewis' Woodpecker 5-8 (1) 17th & Williams, Denver (KH); 5-30 (1) along Turkey Creek, Bear Creek Lake Park, Jefferson Co. (WF).
Red-bellied Woodpecker 5-12 (1 male) one mile east of Hale Store along Yuma Co. Rd. 4 (JR).
Least Flycatcher 5-29 through 6-1 (1) backyard at 2358 So. Fillmore, Denver (BR).
Great Crested Flycatcher 5-12 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR).
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 5-2 (4) along the dry Cimarron River, Baca Co. (DB).
Red-breasted Nuthatch 5-16 (2) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas Co. (JR).
Rock Wren 5-12 (1) banded, 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Arapahoe Co. (MOS).
Golden-crowned Kinglet 5-20 (1) cemetery, Lamar (TJ).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5-5 (1 male) Waterton Canyon near parking lot, Jefferson Co. (TJ).
Eastern Bluebird 5-12 (1 pair carrying food to a nest hole) along So. Republican River one mile west of Kansas State Line (JR).
Veery 5-9 (2) Barr Lake S.P. (DS); 5-15 (1) below dam, Prewitt Reservoir SWA (JR).
Gray-cheeked Thrush 5-6 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN, DS). Convincing written details submitted (DS); 5-8 (1) campground, Jumbo Reservoir (JR).
Swainson's Thrush 5-20 (1), 5-22 (1), 5-25 (1), 5-26 (1) all banded at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Wood Thrush 5-17 (1) below dam at Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB). Written documentation submitted (DB); 5-19 (1) just east of Hale Store along Yuma Co. Rd. 4 (HK, BR). Same bird-?
Bell's Vireo 5-12 (2) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR).
Red-eyed Vireo 5-16 (1) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR); 5-20 (1) Lake Hasty RA (John Martin Reservoir), Bent Co. (TJ).
Blue-winged Warbler 5-15 (1 female) along So. Platte River upstream from Chatfield Reservoir SRA, Jefferson Co. (DB). Written documentation submitted (DB).
"Brewster's" Warbler 5-22 (1) Colorado Springs SWA, El Paso Co. (TB, HK). Written documentation submitted (HK).
Virginia's Warbler 5-16 (2 males) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR).
Northern Parula 5-9 (1 male) Barr Lake S.P. (AS).
Chestnut-sided Warbler 5-15 (1 female) below dam, Prewitt Reservoir SWA (JR); 5-23 (1 male) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale, Weld Co. (TJ).
Black-throated Blue Warbler 5-20 (1 female) cemetery, Lamar (JR, TJ).
Blackburnian Warbler 5-17 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB).
Yellow-throated Warbler 5-2 through 5-6 (1 male) "Varsity Pond", Colorado University campus, Boulder (DS, M.ob.).
Palm Warbler 5-6 (1 "western" race) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN, several others); 5-8 (1 "western" race) below dam, Prewitt Reservoir (JR).
Blackpoll Warbler 5-11 through 5-13 (1 male) along Ralston Creek, 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada, Jefferson Co. (AH).
American Redstart 5-16 (1 immature male) Waterton, Douglas Co. (JR).
Ovenbird 5-16 (1) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR).
Northern Waterthrush 5-12 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR).
MacGillivray's Warbler 5-27 (1) banded at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Hooded Warbler 5-13 (1 female) Colorado Springs SWA (DB, DB).
Summer Tanager 5-13 (1 singing, first-year male) Pueblo Nature Center, Pueblo Co. (DB). Written documentation submitted (DB); 5-20 (1 female) cemetery, Lamar (JR).
Scarlet Tanager 5-10 (1 male) Prewitt Reservoir SRA (DB).
Western Tanager 5-31 (1) banded at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5-12 (2 males) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR).
Cassin's Sparrow 5-20 (3) 5 miles northeast of Rocky Ford, Otero Co. (JR).
Field Sparrow 5-2 (2) Dorenkamp's Pasture east of Holly, Prowers Co. (DB); 5-8 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR).
Grasshopper Sparrow 5-8 (2) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR).
Lincoln's Sparrow 5-26 (1) banded at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
White-throated Sparrow 5-12 (1 immature) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-23 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB).

Harris' Sparrow 5-2 through 5-11 (1) backyard, 2695 Newland Street, Lakewood (PE).
Bobolink 5-16 (3 males) Winkler Ranch, Douglas Co. (JR).
Orchard Oriole 5-12 (50+) Bonny Reservoir SRA & So. Republican SWA, Yuma Co. (JR).
Evening Grosbeak 5-22 (1) banded at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ permile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

JULY 1, Wednesday. GOLDEN GATE CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239).
Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Berkeley Senior Center, southwest corner of Berkeley Park, West 46th Avenue near Sheridan to carpool. *

JULY 4&5, Saturday and Sunday. NORTH PARK. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday at North Park Motel (1-723-4271) in Walden. Camp about one mile north of town (primitive) or stay in the motel. On Sunday, meet at 9:00 A.M. at the grocery store in Fraser for birding along the way. Call Leader for help in carpooling. *

4, Saturday. PLAINS CONSERVATION CENTER (Grasshopper Sparrows possible). Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Park-and-Ride at the junction of Parker Road and I-225 (on the north side of I-225 across the street from King Soopers). *

11&12, Saturday and Sunday. SOUTH PARK/BUENA VISTA AREAS.

Saturday: JEFFERSON, PARK COUNTY, GEORGIA PASS & HACK RANCH. Leaders: Carol Hack (777-7893) & Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center at 7:00 A.M. (South Sheridan north of U.S. Hwy. 285 in the southwest corner of parking lot). Meet leaders at 8:30 A.M. at Jefferson. *

Sunday: SOUTH PARK/BUENA VISTA (Pinyon Jays possible). Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Stay in Western Inn Motel (1-836-2026) on U.S. Hwy. 285 near Fairplay or camp in Buffalo Springs which is reached by turning off U.S. Hwy. 285 on Buffalo Peaks Access Road south of Fairplay. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Campground. For help with carpooling, call Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). *

12, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north parking lot. *

18, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 6:15 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth at the southeast corner to carpool. Leave cars on street east of parking lot. Trip will start from Park Headquarters at 8:00 A.M. *

19, Sunday. NESTING BIRD BOX TOUR-CENTRAL CITY, ROLLINSVILLE AREAS (banding of nestlings). Leader: Dr. Robert Cohen (469-8309). Meet at 6:45 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church (same location as Saturday, July 18) to carpool. Meet leader at 7:30 A.M. at junction of Roads 93 and 72 (Coal Creek Road). *

22, Wednesday. BERTHOUD AREA LAKES, BUCKHORN CANYON TO PENNOCK PASS. Leader: Jerry Cairo (1-330-7076). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north parking lot to carpool. Meet Leader at 7:00 A.M. at the Jim Hamm Nature Area on Boulder/Weld County Line Road just south of Colorado Highway 66 (east of Longmont & west of Union Reservoir). *

25, Saturday. FILIUS PARK AND SUMMIT LAKE. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (South Sheridan north of U.S. Hwy. 285 in the southwest corner of the parking lot) or at 8:00 A.M. at Filius Park. *

26, Sunday. MOUNTAIN TRIP (exact location to be determined later). Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bergen Park. *

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, WITH EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M., DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 1, 1987

PROGRAM: A Look at the Denver Museum of Natural History Bird Collection with Betsy Webb, Curator of Zoology Department.

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JUNE 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- JUNE 3, Wednesday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (GB). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Jessie & Walter Bowles, Jeanne & Bob Jickling, Jean Maguire, Bea Merry, Diana Mullineaux, Joe Tenbrink, Carley Warren, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams, Rob Wilson. (Cloudy becoming sunny). 4 miles on foot. 4.5 hours. (41 species, 332 individuals).
- 6, Saturday. Union Reservoir, Lower Latham Reservoir area & Lyons area (ULL). Leaders: Bill, Inez & John Prather. Observers: Mary Griest, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Twyla Jorgensen, Jack Reddall, Joe Tenbrink, Claude Vallieres, Carley Warren. (Mostly clear; Wind, calm; 70°-85°). 90 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 10 hours. (86 species, 2710 individuals).
- 6, Saturday. Southcentral Colorado: Along U.S. Hwy. 50 from Penrose, Sar Luis Valley, pinyon grove east of Old Woman Creek (NF Rd. 660A), Mon Vista NWR, La Veta Pass & Burnt Mill Rd. (SCCO). Observers: Ken I Duane Nelson, David Martin. (Clear; Wind, calm; 50°-80°). 500 mi car, 3 miles on foot. Hours birding-? (103 species, 4061 indiv).
- 7, Sunday. Apex Trail (AT). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: M Brockmeyer, Ron Carter, Sally & T Touch, Ken Lebo, Lynn Pete

- Schottler, Ron Whorl, Brenda Williams. (Clear; Wind, calm; 58°-84°). 4.2 miles on foot. 6 hours. (46 species, 249 individuals).
- 10, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CC). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Alan & Dee Hay, Freda Krolik, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear; 55°-74°). 6 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 5.5 hours. (38 species, 355 individuals).
- 13, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Dale Cavanagh, Janet Cooper (Fort Collins), Emily & Chuck Durham, Hazel Hanley, Jane & Bill Householder (Fort Collins), Twyla Jorgensen (Fort Collins), Marilyn & Lee Rowe, Don Shrode, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear; 60°-85°). 3 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 5 hours. (47 species, 849 individuals).
- 14, Sunday. Eldora/Nederland area: Hessie, Arapahoe Ranch frontage, Nederland, Red Rock Lake area (EN). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Alan & Dee Hay, Ed McConkey, Dick Pautsch, Maureen Robinson (England), Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, JoAnn Whitlatch. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 52°-73°). 75 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours. (41 species, 243 individuals).
- 17, Wednesday. Larimer County: Watson Lake, "Owl Canyon Pinyon Pine Grove", Rawhide Reservoir (WLRR). Leader: Ron Ryder. Observers: Chuck & Emily Durham, Phil Hayes, Bill & Jane Householder, Bob Jickling, Mort Staatz, Marian Teele, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, S 0-15 MPH; 68°-85°). 190 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 7 hours. (64 species, 1651 individuals).
- 20, Saturday. Reynold's Park & Buffalo Creek (RP). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Irving Jackson, Floyd Pendell, Joe & Norma Shwed, Virgil Williams. (Mostly clear; Wind, calm; 60°-80°). 55 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8 hours. (41 species, 150 individuals).
- 20&21, Saturday & Sunday. South Central Colorado: San Miguel, San Francisco, East Schwachheim & Chicorica Creeks; Walton Lakes, Lake Dorothy SWA, Sugarite Ski Basin on Fisher's Peak Mesa southeast of Trinidad. Elevation 6600'-9400'. (SCC). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Sunny; Wind, 0-20 MPH; 50°-80°). 25 miles on foot. 19 hours birding. (65 species, 622 individuals).
- 21, Sunday. Rocky Mountain National Park: Moraine Park, Little Horseshoe Park, Trail Ridge Rd. to Fall River Visitor Center (RMNP). Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Neva Cahn, Ron Carter, Alan & Dee Hay, Suzanne Hilton, Bob Jickling, Bill & Marty Lamm, Bill Payne, Lynn Peterson, Jack Reddall, Tim Schowalter, Betty Seacrest, Joe & Norma Shwed, Joe Tenbrink, Vito Tursi, Lynn & Liz Willcockson. (Clear in A.M. turning partly cloudy to cloudy with rain showers in P.M., and snow squalls on Trail Ridge Rd; Wind, W 5-10 MPH, gusts to 30 MPH in squalls & showers; 55°-75°). 35 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 10 hours. (65 species, 405 individuals).
- 24, Wednesday. Chatfield SRA (CRA). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Brenda Cockrell, Maureen Robinson, Anne Southcott, Joe Tenbrink, Carley Warren, Virgil Williams, Rob Wilson. (Clear in A.M. turning cloudy in P. M; Wind, S 0-5 MPH; 62°-80°). 16 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6.5 hours. (50 species, 839 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Southcentral Colorado: Colorado Springs to Canyon City via Colo. Hwy. 115, Temple Grove Park & Beaver Creek Nature Area (SCC). Leader: David Silverman. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, Brenda Cockrell, Dave Johnson, Joey Kellner, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler, Don Yeager, John Yeager. (Clear in A.M., scattered clouds in P.M; Wind, SW 0-10 MPH; 75°-95°). 263 miles by car (from

Denver), 2 miles on foot. 8 hours. (41 Species, 301 individuals).

28, Sunday Bear Creek (BEAR). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Bobbie DeMuth, Irv Jackson, JoAnn Kyhl, George Koss, Carol Lofft, Linda Metcalf, Hugh Ravatt, Debbie Starr, Toby Titman, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy; Wind, light; 60°-75°). 30 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 9 hours. (43 species, 270 individuals).

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AREA COVERED	GB	ULL	SCCO	AT	CC	BAR	EN	WLRR	RP	SCC	RMNP	CRA	SCC	BEAR	
HABITAT COVERED	PL	P/F	FHMT	FH	PL	PLN	FM	PLFH	MT	MTN	MTNS	PLN	P/F	PL	FH
Pied-billed Grebe			2												
Eared Grebe		6	1												
Western Grebe		50			1	17		1				10			
Clark's Grebe		2				3						2			
American White Pelican		21				9		3							
Double-crested Cormorant	1	7			8	310		14				160		6	
Great Blue Heron		6			2	75		5				70		4	
Great Egret						5N									
Snowy Egret		1	12												
Black-crowned Night-Heron	4	2ad	5		2	4		2						1	
White-faced Ibis			70												
Canada Goose	80	15	40		12	28Y		133				65		15	
Wood Duck	1m											1			
Green-winged Teal		5				3		3			2				
Mallard	17	60	15		17	17		25		37	9	9		9	
Northern Pintail		50	10			11									
Blue-winged Teal		15	8			2		5						2	
Cinnamon Teal		10	20			4		3							
Northern Shoveler		75	10					2							
Gadwall		1ma	30					12							
American Wigeon			4												
Redhead		1ma	50					65							
Ring-necked Duck											1ma				
Lesser Scaup	mf	6						2							
Bufflehead		7													
Hooded Merganser	1f		1fe					1							
Common Merganser								2							
Ruddy Duck		20	4												
Turkey Vulture			3				1		2	6			2		
Northern Harrier					1										
Sharp-shinned Hawk										3					
Swainson's Hawk		8	1			2N				1					
Red-tailed Hawk			5							2					
"Western" races		1		1			1		1		2				1
Ferruginous Hawk			1												
American Kestrel		7	10	2	1	4						4	3	5	
Ring-necked Pheasant			1		6										
Blue Grouse				1											
White-tailed Ptarmigan											1ma				
Scaled Quail			1												
Virginia Rail		3													
Sora		2	3					1-H							
American Coot	2	15	10			3		10							
Killdeer	2	35	10		9	4		6		2		5	1	6	
Black-necked Stilt			4												
American Avocet		15	20					4							

NOTE (Y): Includes 4 young birds.

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AREA COVERED	GB	ULL	SCCO	AT	CC	BAR	EN	WLRR	RP	SCC	RMNP	CRA	SCC	BEAR
HABITAT COVERED	PL	P/F	FHMT	FH	PL	PLN	FM	PLFH	MT	MTN	MTNS	PLN	P/F	PL FH
Lesser Yellowlegs		1												
Willet										1				
Spotted Sandpiper		3	1		1			2		5	2	3		
Common Snipe		1	3								1			
Wilson's Phalarope		30	40			5		2						
Franklin's Gull		6												
Ring-billed Gull		20			8			5				7		1
California Gull		2			1	7						13		
Black Tern		7												
Rock Dove		40	50	3		14		6				25		4
Band-tailed Pigeon							6							
Mourning Dove	10	25	150	5	8	11		5		2		11	12	6
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			1											
Great Horned Owl		1	1	2								1		
Burrowing Owl					1			2				2	1	
Northern Saw-whet Owl										1ad				
Common Nighthawk			6					1	1	2	2	2		
White-throated Swift			30				2	1	4	5				6
Black-chinned Hummingbird										1				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		5	2	2			25		4	14	12	2	3	
Belted Kingfisher	1	2				1				1		2		3
Lewis' Woodpecker		2	2											
Red-headed Woodpecker												1		
Red-naped Sapsucker							1			4	3maN			
Williamson's Sapsucker										1	1m1f			
Downy Woodpecker	2		2	1		1				1				
Hairy Woodpecker									1	4				2
Three-toed Woodpecker											1fe			
Northern Flicker			4											
"Red-shafted" race	5	2		1	6		6	4	6	19	5	5		7
Olive-sided Flycatcher											2			
Western Wood-Pewee	3	7	1		2	3		2	1	14	9	9		1
Willow Flycatcher		1								20				1
Hammond's Flycatcher											4			
Dusky Flycatcher							2				7			
Gray Flycatcher			4										3	
Western Flycatcher		1		3			1		3	2	4BN			
Empidonax species											1			
Say's Phoebe			2					1					3	
Ash-throated Flycatcher			1										3	
Cassin's Kingbird			3											
Western Kingbird		8	30	2	20	15		?				4	7	4
Eastern Kingbird	1	2	1		2	14		2				4	2	
Horned Lark		2	10			2		22		4	3	2		
Tree Swallow					1	1	45			2	20N	3		
Violet-green Swallow	1	50		5				1	6	17	15			12
No. Rough-winged Swallow		1	4					1						6
Bank Swallow	12		1					1000						
Cliff Swallow		150	2000	10	12			200				200		2
Barn Swallow	2	85	20	10	15	14	2	2	2	1	3	6		6
Gray Jay							6							
Steller's Jay			2	4			4		4	9	1		2	

NOTE (BN): One bird observed building a nest.

JUNE 1987 AREA COVERED HABITAT COVERED	3 GB PL	6 ULL P/F	6 SCCO FHMT	7 AT FH	10 CC PL	13 BAR PLN	14 EN FM	17 WLRR PLFH	20 RP MT	20& 21 SCC MTN	21 RMNP MTNS	24 CRA PLN	27 SCC P/F	28 BEAR PL FH
Blue Jay	1	5						1						
Scrub Jay				1				1		2			4	
Pinyon Jay			100										15	
Clark's Nutcracker			1	3			5			8	13			
Black-billed Magpie	10	25	200	20	18	21	3	?	3	4	7	7	5	15
American Crow			4	3		2			2	8	3			
Chihuahuan Raven										9				
Common Raven	1		10				2		2	1	12		50	12
Black-capped Chickadee	1	1		6		9		2		6		2		
Mountain Chickadee			1	3			8		1		3			
Plain Titmouse													6	
Bushtit			2										12	
Red-breasted Nuthatch										4	2			
White-breasted Nuthatch			1											
Pygmy Nuthatch				8					2		3			3
Brown Creeper										3	3			
Rock Wren			5							6			2	
Canyon Wren		1-H	1											
House Wren	7	15	6	4	8	6		2	1	30	13	23	2	3
Marsh Wren		20	4											
American Dipper			1						1	2				
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1			12				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							9		1		7			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher								2					3	
Mountain Bluebird			8	1			3	1	1	13	1ma			
Townsend's Solitaire			1	1					1	1				
Hermit Thrush			5				9		1	9				
American Robin	10	45	20	10	37	18	12	5	18	55	50	13	8	16
Gray Catbird		1						1	1					
Sage Thrasher			10											
<u>Bendire's Thrasher</u>			<u>2</u>											
Water Pipit											3			
Cedar Waxwing	7	1						2N				2		
Loggerhead Shrike			1											
European Starling	30	200	100	15	60	27	2	10			3	12	1	25
Solitary Vireo									1					
"Plumbeous" race		2	2								1			
Warbling Vireo		2		3	1H		14		1	45	35N			
Red-eyed Vireo	1H										1		3	
Orange-crowned Warbler										2				
Virginia's Warbler			2	1						2				
Yellow Warbler	7	80	40	2	6	4		5	2		3ma	17		1
Yellow-rumped Warbler			3											
"Audubon's" race							12		2	11	16			
<u>Blackburnian Warbler</u>	<u>1m</u>													
MacGillivray's Warbler				1			1		1	25	1ma			
Common Yellowthroat	5	10			2	2	2					5		
Wilson's Warbler							12				2ma			
Yellow-breasted Chat	2	3	1	3			2					8	1	3
Western Tanager	4			8			1		10	12	5		7	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1													6
Black-headed Grosbeak		1ma		4					1	6	1m1f	1	1	
Blue Grosbeak			2			1							1	

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Lazuli Bunting		2ma	4	15					2	8		1	3	
Indigo Bunting	1									1		2		
Green-tailed Towhee			20				1		1	8	5			
Rufous-sided Towhee		1ma	3	25				3		42		3	3	
Brown Towhee													3	
Chipping Sparrow			10				6		1	16	1		5	4
Brewer's Sparrow			5											
Vesper Sparrow			30	5				2		11	1			1
Lark Sparrow		3		1				1		4			17	
Savannah Sparrow		3	3								3			
Grasshopper Sparrow										1				
Fox Sparrow														
"Slate-colored" race							5							
Song Sparrow	10	1	3		6		3	1	2		3	4		4
Lincoln's Sparrow							4				7			
White-crowned Sparrow							2				1			
Dark-eyed Junco			3	2										
"Gray-headed" race							2			7				
McCown's Longspur								4						
Red-winged Blackbird	20	500	50		24	31N	2	7	24	10	6	30		26
Western Meadowlark		300	75	2	30	7		4		15		24	15	5
Yellow-headed Blackbird		200	20		1	52		8				3		
Brewer's Blackbird		5	500			13	3	6	5	5	15		40	
Great-tailed Grackle			3											
Common Grackle	30	150	5	10	6	19		10	2			14	20	12
Brown-headed Cowbird	12	60	30	5	2	2	8	3	21	12	25	9	15	
Orchard Oriole		1ma												
Northern Oriole						22N								
"Bullock's" race	15	9	6	8	8	5		7				19	3	7
Rosy Finch														
"Brown-capped" race											3			
Cassin's Finch			1								3ma			
House Finch	4	45	4	10	6	10					1	2		12
Red Crossbill			5											
Pine Siskin			6	8			7	2	4	26	15		6	
Lesser Goldfinch		3		5	4			2						
American Goldfinch		5						1		1		10	1	2
Evening Grosbeak											4			
House Sparrow	5	110	20	5		9					2		7	2
TOTAL SPECIES-182	41	86	103	46	38	47	41	64	41	65	65	50	41	43

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS, PLN, PL, P; Foothills=FOOT, FHL, FH, F; Mountains=MTNS, MTN, MT, M; Nesting Observed=N.

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE! Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports":

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.

Sightings reported to the Colorado Bird Report will not be published in the Lark Bunting unless reported to the compiler in writing as stipulated in item 2 below.

2. Individual "Additional Reports" should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983 & 1985) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location. Please refer to the Supplement to Lark Bunting, Volume 21, Number 3 (December 1985) for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems and for any species never recorded before in Colorado.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual "Additional Reports" is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. Send your "Additional Reports" to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

Clark's Grebe 6-22 (1) Prewitt Reservoir SWA, Washington Co. (BA).
Little Blue Heron 6-26 (1 adult) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (JR).
Green-backed Heron 6-13 (2) flying over Pueblo Blvd. along Arkansas River, Pueblo Co. (JR).
Ring-necked Duck 6-19 (2 males) small pond atop Kenosha Pass, Park Co. (JR).
Golden Eagle 6-25 (1 adult) Rio Grande N.F. Rds. 660 & 660.3A, Saguache Co. (JR).
Blue Grouse 6-28 (1 displaying male) St. Charles River below San Isabel (elev. 7300'), Pueblo Co. (DB).
Snowy Plover 6-7 (2) west end of Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (DB).
Least Tern 6-20 (1) Prewitt Reservoir SWA (BA).
Band-tailed Pigeon 6-11 (1) Hanging Lake, Glenwood Canyon, Garfield Co. (JR).
Flammulated Owl 6-3 (1) & 6-20 (1) Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Jefferson Co. (AH, M.ob.).
Common Poorwill 6-1 (1) Hogback Trail east of Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (PE); 6-12 (1) south end of Red Rocks Park near Bear Creek Canyon Rd., Jefferson Co. (TJ).
Black Swift 6-11 (4) Hanging Lake, Glenwood Canyon, Garfield Co. (JR).
Red-naped Sapsucker 6-11 (1 pair) carrying food to nest hole, McClure Pass, Gunnison Co. (JR).
Williamson's Sapsucker 6-20 (1 pair) carrying food to nest hole near Burke Rd., Coal Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. (JR).
Three-toed Woodpecker 6-28 (1 female) Squaw Pass, Clear Creek Co. (TJ).
Dusky Flycatcher 6-19 (2) Kenosha Pass, Park Co. (JR).
Black Phoebe 6-9 through 6-28 (1 adult at nest) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (MY).
Great Crested Flycatcher 6-20 (1) Prewitt Reservoir SWA (BA).
Cassin's Kingbird 6-25 (2) roadside rest area at mile post 81 along I-25, Pueblo Co. (JR).
Purple Martin 6-11 (1 male, 1 female) McClure Pass (JR).
Red-breasted Nuthatch 6-20 (1 pair) carrying food to a nest hole near Burke Rd., Coal Creek Canyon (JR).
Bewick's Wren 6-26 (1) Junction Creek campground, San Juan N.F., La Plata Co. (JR).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 6-1 (2) Hogback Trail east of Red Rocks Park (PE).
Western Bluebird 6-24 (1 nesting pair) Moraine Park, Rocky Mountain N.P., Larimer Co. (TJ); 6-27 (1 nesting pair) just outside the north entrance to Rocky Mountain N.P. (TJ).
Bendire's Thrasher 6-25 (1) near intersection of Rio Grande N.F. Rds. 660 & 660.3A, Saguache Co. (JR).
Grace's Warbler 6-26 (4 singing males) Junction Creek campground, San Juan N.F., La Plata Co. (JR).
Ovenbird 6-4 (1) & 6-17 (2) off south fork of Deer Creek, Jefferson Co. (AH).

Dickcissel 6-13 (4) singing in alfalfa fields along U.S. Hwy. 50 north of Fort Lyon, Bent Co. (DB).
Rufous-crowned Sparrow 6-6 (1 singing bird) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (DB);
 6-6 (1 singing bird) Carrizo Creek, Baca Co. (JR).
 Sage Sparrow 6-1 (2) Co. Rd. 2 about 1 mile northeast from intersection with Co. Rd. M.8, Mesa Co. (JR).
 Lark Bunting 6-4 (1 male) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (FJJ).
 Fox Sparrow-"Slate-colored" race (P. i. schistacea) 6-19 (2 singing birds) Michigan Creek campground, Pike N.F., Park Co. (JR).
Great-tailed Grackle 6-7 (number seen-?) Gypsum Ponds, Eagle Co. (JM, BR).
Scott's Oriole 6-1 (1 male) along Co. Rd. M.8 about 1 mile west of intersection with Co. Rd. 2, Mesa Co. (JR).
 Pine Grosbeak 6-19 (2 males) Michigan Creek campground, Pike N.F. (JR).
 Lesser Goldfinch 6-6 & 6-7 (1 male, 1 female) reported as "Black-backed" race, near entrance to Red Rocks Park (TJ); 6-17 (4) South Platte River above Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (DB).

CONTRIBUTORS: Bob Andrews (BA), Dan Bridges (DB), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Alan Hay (AH), Tina Jones (TJ), Frank & Jan Justice (FJJ), Jack Merchant (JM), Jack Reddall (JR), Bob Righter (BR), Mark Yeager (MY).

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1987

- AUGUST 1, Saturday. SEDALIA, PARKER ROAD & CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Safeway Store on U.S. Hwy. 285 at South Logan or at 8:00 A.M. in Sedalia. *
- 2, Sunday. BURLAND RANCHETTES (NEAR BAILEY). Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section), South Sheridan at Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285) or at 7:45 A.M. at Highlander Inn, Conifer. *
- 8, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE RECREATION AREA. Leader: Irv Jackson (233-2171). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Park-'n-Ride on Wadsworth south of Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 9, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Joe Tenbrink (452-6546). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at park entrance. *
- 15, Saturday. LATHAM RESERVOIR & PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot). *
- 16, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Base Mar Shopping Center in Boulder, southeast corner of intersection of Baseline Road and Broadway (Colo. Hwy. 93). *
- 22, Saturday. BAILEY, GUANELLA PASS & GEORGETOWN. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section), South Sheridan at Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285) or at 7:45 A.M. at Highlander Inn, Conifer. *
- 23, Sunday. BEAR CREEK (PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS). Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section), South Sheridan at Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 29, Saturday. NORTHEASTERN COLORADO. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at Airport Budget Motel, Chambers Road north of I-70. *
- 30, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA. Leader: Ron Carter (757-1425). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at west gate to Area. *

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SUBMITTED BY: Robert Spencer (279-4682)
 Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

Field Trip Coordinators

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed for August, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please notify the Treasurer, Ron Carter - 1020 South Garfield, Denver, Colorado 80209 (Tel: 757-1425). DO NOT CONTACT the Editor!

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MEMORABILIA FOR THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' SCRAPBOOK: The DFO has established a scrapbook for the purpose of preserving historical data and other pertinent information concerning its activities and members relative to its being in existence for over fifty years. If you have any items that you feel would enhance our scrapbook with which you would be willing to donate, please contact Mrs. Judy Ward (666-8985) or mail your items to her at: 9224 Baseline Road, Lafayette, Colorado 80026).

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TEN MOST WANTED COLORADO BIRDS

We thought that it would be interesting to find out what ten Colorado bird species would constitute "Most Wanted" by Denver Field Ornithologists' members. Therefore, you are invited to send in your "Most Wanted" list by completing the form below and mailing it to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111 by no later than AUGUST 31, 1987. BE SURE YOUR LIST IS IN MOST WANTED ORDER!

Results of this survey (if any) will be published in the October 1987 issue of the Lark Bunting. Attempts to schedule occasional DFO Field Trips in the future to search for "Most Wanted" birds will be considered by Field Trip Coordinators should the Survey results warrant such undertakings.

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PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE CHANGE IN MEETING DAYS!!

The Denver Field Ornithologists will hold their monthly meetings this Fall season on the FIRST WEDNESDAY in September, October and November instead of our customary night of the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting time and place remains the same however, 7:30 P.M. in the West Auditorium, Denver Museum of Natural History. There will be no regular monthly meeting in December as we will hold our Annual Compilation Dinner following the Denver Christmas Bird Count (details forthcoming). Regular monthly meetings for the Spring of 1988 (January through May) have yet to be negotiated with the Denver Museum of Natural History. As details are worked out they will be passed along. So continue to watch for meeting information in future issues of the Lark Bunting.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1987

PROGRAM: A Look at the Denver Museum of Natural History Bird Collection with Betsy Webb, Curator of the Zoology Department.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a change in date from that published incorrectly in last month's Lark Bunting.

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*Represents a change in this office.

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS (1987-1988) - DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
(EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1987)

The following slate of Officers and Directors will be voted on by the membership at the regular monthly DFO meeting on September 2, 1987:

PRESIDENT: Hugh Kingery	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Carol Hack
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Ann Bonnell, Harold Oliver (1988)
Harold Holt, Joe Shwed (1989)
Duane Nelson, Mort Staatz (1990)

JULY 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- JULY 1, Wednesday, Golden Gate Canyon & State Park (GGCSP). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Chuck & Emily Durham, Bob & Helen Geick, David Gulbenkian, Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Bob Jickling, Freda Krolik, Susan & Thompson Marsh, Floyd Pendell. (Clear; Wind, breezy at times with pending thunderstorms; 53°-75°). 55 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7.5 hours. (51 species, 216 individuals).
- 4, Saturday. Plains Conservation Center (PCC). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Hazel Hanley, Bill Payne, Anne Southcott, Rita Vautrin, Liz & Lynn Willcockson, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, S 0-5 MPH; 60°-87°). 4 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 5 hours. (28 species, 442 individuals).
- 4&5, Saturday & Sunday. Berthoud/North Park, Colorado Forest, Chambers Lake (NPK). Leaders: Robert & Shirley Spencer. Observers: Ruth Breckon, JoAnn Bushnell, Rob Wilson. (Clear becoming cloudy on Saturday; clear on Sunday). 150 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 17 hours birding. (87 species, 867 individuals).
- 7-10, Tuesday through Friday. Southeastern Colorado: Denver to Trinidad; U.S. Hwy. 160 to Mesa de Maya; Cottonwood Canyon & Carrizo Creek; Cimarron River; Two Buttes SWA; Lamar (cemetery & city park); Nee-So-Pah, Nee-Noshe & Nee-Grande Reservoirs; Blue Lake; Cheraw; farm pond at Crowley Co. Rds. F & 23; Ordway; Rocky Ford SWA; Limon to Denver (SECO). Observers: Harold Holt, Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy with afternoon & night time thunderstorms; Wind, SE to SW 5-25 MPH; 52°-98°). 844 miles by car, 12 miles on foot. 43 hours birding. (120 species, 13907 individuals).
- 11, Saturday. Las Animas County: Tecolote & West Carrizo Creeks (LA). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Clear; Wind, calm; 80°-90°). 10 miles on foot. 7.5 hours. (50 species, 374 individuals).
- 11, Saturday. South Park: Georgia Pass & Hack Ranch (SPK). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Irma Appelgren, JoAnn Derusha, Warren Finch, Dick Schottler, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NW 5-30 MPH; 50°-70°). 22 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7.5 hours. (44 species, 503 individuals).
- 12, Sunday. Buena Vista and South Park (BVSP). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Floyd Pendell, Joe Tenbrink. (Light rain in early A.M. becoming partly cloudy; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 50°-75°). 240 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours. (56 species, 1381 individuals).
- 12, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Walter Bull. Trip cancelled due to inclement weather.
- 16, Thursday. Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick, Sterling, Prewitt Reservoir SWA, Bijou Reservoir, farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 67, 6 & 61; Prospect Reservoir (NEC). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear in A.M., partly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, SW 5-15 MPH; 65°-100°). 409 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 15 hours. (80 species, 3685 individuals).
- 18, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Mary Anderson, Irma Appelgren, Jane Bonn, Bob & Helen Geick, Hazel Hanley, Dona & Roland Olderog, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Joe Tenbrink, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, gusting to 35 MPH early A.M. becoming

JULY light rest of day; 40°-80°). 52 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 10 hours (45 species, 250 individuals).

19, Sunday. Nesting Bird Box Tour: Central City & Rollinsville areas (C/R). Leader: Dr. Robert Cohen. Observers: JoAnn Bushnell, Geoffrey Gardello, Irv Jackson, Anne Southcott, Judy Ward. (Sunny; Windy; 75°). This field trip studied 120 adult Tree Swallows plus 85 nestlings, their calls, nesting behavior and survival skills. (18 species, 242 individuals).

21-24, Tuesday through Friday. Kenosha Pass area, Park County (KEN). Observers: Dorothy & Jack Reddall. (Clear in A.M., partly cloudy in PM; Wind, W 0-15 MPH; 50°-85°). 10 miles on foot. (36 species, 284 individuals).

22, Wednesday. Jim Hamm Nature Center, Sewell Lake, Buckhorn Canyon, Pennock Pass, Pingree Park area & Poudre Canyon (NCCOLO). Leader: Jerry Cairo. Observers: Joe Himmel, Jack & Shirley Rice, Joe Tenbrink, Judy Ward. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, S 0-5 MPH; 62°-86°). 82 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8 hours. (91 species, 525 individuals).

25, Saturday. Filius Park, Echo Lake & Summit Lake (ES). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Richard Hayes, Rich Maslow, Dick Pautsch, Homer Turner. (Mostly clear; Wind, light; 60°-80°). 50 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 7 hours. (31 species, 101 individuals).

26, Sunday. Evergreen, Bergen Park & Means Meadow (EV). Leaders: Bill and Sylvia Brockner. Observers: Lori Chappell, Wanda Dudek, Irv Jackson, Anne Southcott, Mary Warner, Liz & Lynn Willcockson, Virgil Williams. (Clear; hot). (32 species, 100 individuals).

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HABITAT COVERED	FH	MT	PLN	MT	PLNS	PL	MTN	MTNS	PLN	MTNS	MTN	MTN	PL	FH	MT	MT	MT
Common Loon					1												
Pied-billed Grebe				5					2			1	1				
Eared Grebe				20	4												
Western Grebe				5	22			14	5				1				
Clark's Grebe					1								1				
Am. White Pelican					15				29				3				
Double-cr. Cormorant				1	65			5	25				1				
Great Blue Heron				1	5				20				2				
Snowy Egret					2												
Cattle Egret					1												
Green-backed Heron									1								
Black-cr. Night-Heron				1	1im								1				
White-faced Ibis					5				1								
Canada Goose				210				530	100				4				
Green-winged Teal				2						1							
Mallard	2	12	9	32	100	11		5	50	2f2i		9	4			3	
Northern Pintail				12	1fe				30								
Blue-winged Teal			1	1	4				20				1				
Cinnamon Teal			2	36	5			3					2				
Northern Shoveler					2												
Gadwall				31	5			3	1ma								
American Wigeon				2	1fe												
Redhead					40												
Ring-necked Duck				5						11Z							
Lesser Scaup				29													
Ruddy Duck				22	25												
Turkey Vulture	1				5	1								8	1	2	

NOTE (Z): Includes 1 male, 2 females, 8 immatures

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HABITAT COVERED	FH	MT	PLN	MT	PLNS	PL	MTN	MTNS	PLN	MTNS	MTN	MTN	PL	FH	MT	MT	MT
Mississippi Kite					26N												
Northern Harrier			1														
Cooper's Hawk																1	1
Swainson's Hawk			2	3	26		2	1	7				1				
Red-tailed Hawk	4		1			2		2		1	1					1	
"Western" races				3	7		1		2								1
"Kriders" race					1												
Ferruginous Hawk					1im				1ad								
Golden Eagle				5	2ad				2ad								
American Kestrel	2			2	35	5		1	8				1	2		1	
Prairie Falcon					1			2									
Ring-necked Pheasant									1ma								
Wild Turkey						4											
Northern Bobwhite					9-H				4								
Scaled Quail					18												
Sora				6X	1-H		1-H		1			1-H					
American Coot				58	3			29	25			50	15				
Snowy Plover					10												
Killdeer			13	11	144	3	3	9	100			1	7				
Mountain Plover					2												
Black-necked Stilt					22												
American Avocet				16	5			8	1				2				
Greater Yellowlegs				1	4			1	1				1				
Lesser Yellowlegs				4	11				18				5				
Solitary Sandpiper			1										1				
Willet				5	1			1									
Spotted Sandpiper		2		3	4	1			8	1			1				
Upland Sandpiper									5								
Long-billed Curlew					3												
Marbled Godwit					1												
Western Sandpiper					15				4								
Least Sandpiper									1								
Baird's Sandpiper									4				5				
Long-billed Dowitcher													1				
Common Snipe				3			6										
Wilson's Phalarope			2	7	30			5	1								
Franklin's Gull					450				15								
Ring-billed Gull					5				25				1				
California Gull				6	200		1	425	50								
Forster's Tern				6	4				3				1				
Least Tern					6												
Black Tern					20				6								
Rock Dove	1		11		85	10			15				3	3		5	
Mourning Dove	5			4	590	5		1	350			5	4	7			
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					2	4											
Greater Roadrunner					1	1											
Common Barn-Owl					1ad												
Western Screech-Owl				1H													
Great Horned Owl			2			1				1							
Burrowing Owl			1		5				3								
Common Nighthawk	4			9	9			1	1		4						

NOTE (X): Includes 2 chicks

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HABITAT COVERED	FH	MT	PLN	MT	PLNS	PL	MTN	MTNS	PLN	MTNS	MTN	MTN	PL	FH	MT	MT	MT
Common Poorwill					1												
Chimney Swift					5				2								
White-throated Swift														2			
Black-ch. Hummingbird					1												
Calliope Hummingbird												2fe					
Broad-tl Hummingbird	2	2	26	26		2f	9	3		6	4	6			9	7	8
Rufous Hummingbird											1				1		2
Belted Kingfisher					2	8			3						1		1
Lewis' Woodpecker					20	25								7			
Red-headed Woodpecker					8				10				1				
Red-naped Sapsucker		2		4			8N			6a2i	1	2				1	2
Williamson's Sapsucker										2							3
Ladder-bk Woodpecker					1ma	2											
Downy Woodpecker		2N						1							1		1
"Eastern" races					1												
Hairy Woodpecker						5		1		2a2i					1		3
"Rocky Mtn." race					2												
"Eastern" races									1								
Three-toed Woodpecker							1										
Northern Flicker									7					3	4		
"Yellow-shaft" race									1								
"Red-shafted" race	2			4	10	7	10N	3		6		4					4
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1					1					1					1
Western Wood-Pewee	2N	1		4		1	3	2		9NY	3	6		4	7		4
Willow Flycatcher				1H													
Hammond's Flycatcher				2													
Dusky Flycatcher							1					2					
Western Flycatcher	1									1					4		
Empidonax species										1							
Eastern Phoebe					1	3											
Say's Phoebe					5												
Ash-thr. Flycatcher					4	2											
Cassin's Kingbird					4	5											
Western Kingbird	1		11		445	40			250				4				
Eastern Kingbird			1		4				50				1	1			
Horned Lark			50	2	2900			24	15								
Tree Swallow	1	4N		13			85N	6		25NY	205	75			6	4	1
Violet-green Swallow	7			26				5		2	3			10	4	1	4
N. Rough-wing Swallow				2					1								
Bank Swallow									5				1				
Cliff Swallow	50		60	5	3350	50	116	56	25				2	50			
Barn Swallow	1	3N	20	4	100	10	8	49	800	1	8		4	4	2		2
Gray Jay				7				2								1	
Steller's Jay				5						8		2			8	6	4
Blue Jay					4				5								
Scrub Jay					2	2		4									
Pinyon Jay								6									
Clark's Nutcracker							1	1		13						4	
Black-billed Magpie	4		8	1	22		3	11	10	8			2	4		3	1
American Crow				15	24	3		3		5		1				4	1
Chihuahuan Raven					41N	1											
Common Raven	1	2		8						9	3	10		2		3	

JULY 1987 AREA COVERED HABITAT COVERED	1 GGCSP FH MT	4 PCC PLN	4/5 NP MT	7-10 SECO PLNS	11 LA PL	11 SPK MTN	12 BVSP MTNS	16 NEC PLN	18 RMNP MTNS	19 C/R MTN	21/ 24 KEN MTN	22 NCCOLO PL FH MT	25 ES MT	26 EV MT
Black-capp. Chickadee						22		2					2	
Mountain Chickadee	5		8			3	8	8	8		6		1	7
Bushtit					7									
Red-breasted Nuthatch											1			
White-breast Nuthatch							1	1					4	
Pygmy Nuthatch		1N							11					3N
Brown Creeper						2								
Rock Wren	1		1	9	30							1		
Canyon Wren				4	3							1		
Bewick's Wren				9	10									
House Wren		3N		1	7	2		120	12		8	1	1	1
American Dipper			2						1					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1		4			5	2		6	1	6			4
Western Bluebird									2a2i					3Z
Mountain Bluebird	6N		8			12	17		2	2	5		1	15
Townsend's Solitaire			3						2		3			1
Veery			3											
Swainson's Thrush			1											
Hermit Thrush		1	2H			5					7			
American Robin	4		8	48	4	14	13	35	8		8	4	10	4
Gray Catbird												1		
Northern Mockingbird				8	2									
Sage Thrasher			2			1								
Brown Thrasher				1				15						
Curve-billed Thrasher				1										
Water Pipit									4					7
Cedar Waxwing												4		
Loggerhead Shrike				12										
European Starling	20		7	3	140	1		100				75	4	
Bell's Vireo								5						
Solitary Vireo													2	
Warbling Vireo	2		1	1		6			4		1	6	5	1
Red-eyed Vireo				1										
Virginia's Warbler												2		
Yellow Warbler			1	2	3	8		4				2		
Yellow-rumped Warbler													2	1
"Audubon's" race			8			7			25		10			
Common Yellowthroat				2				25				1		
Wilson's Warbler			4						1m1f	1				
Yellow-breasted Chat				4				10		1			1	
Western Tanager	1		1						1m1f				12	2
Black-headed Grosbeak									1fe				1	
Blue Grosbeak				9	3			2ma				1H		
Lazuli Bunting	4			4	2					1		10		
Dickcissel				3ma				14m						
Green-tailed Towhee	1													
Rufous-sided Towhee	4				1		1					4		
"Eastern" races								1ma						
"Spotted" races				5										
Brown Towhee				5	4									
Cassin's Sparrow				4	1									
Rufous-crown. Sparrow					4									

NOTE (Z): Includes one fledgling.

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Chipping Sparrow	2			5		2		1		5		3	1				4
Brewer's Sparrow				4													
Field Sparrow									2								
Vesper Sparrow			100	5				5									1
Lark Sparrow					83	30			8					4			
Lark Bunting			1		2450				4								
Savannah Sparrow				1	2		54					3	1H				
Grasshopper Sparrow			35		1				5								
Song Sparrow		1		1			1-H			1				3		2	1
Lincoln's Sparrow		2N		6			3			6		5					
White-crowned Sparrow				8			25	3		3	1					3	
Dark-eyed Junco																	
"Gray-headed" race		3		4			8N	2		5a2i		6				3	1
Red-winged Blackbird	2	5	10	3	240	15	18	23	350	3		10	8	2			
Western Meadowlark	3		33	2	1175	5	1	1	400				5	6			
Yellow-head Blackbird				16	4			2	5				3				
Brewer's Blackbird		3	8	26	135		5	28		3		5					
Common Grackle	1			1	63	6	6	12	35				10				
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	1		11	12	2	3	4	225	2fe			1				2
Orchard Oriole					14				6								
Northern Oriole						20								4			
"Baltimore" race									2								
"Bullock's" race	1		2		50				4								
Rosy Finch																	
"Brown-capped" race																2	
Pine Grosbeak							7	1									
Cassin's Finch							7	5				1fe			4		1
House Finch	3		48		25				15							7	2
Red Crossbill								9			1	6					
Pine Siskin	1	4		6			36	18				12		2	10	3	4
Lesser Goldfinch	3				3	5								7			2
American Goldfinch	2				4				35					4			
Evening Grosbeak								2						2	21		
House Sparrow	1			10	340		2		125				15				
TOTAL SPECIES-201	51		28	87	120	50	44	56	80	44	18	36			91	31	32

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H; Nesting Observed=N; Nest With Young=NY; Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FOOT,FHL,FH,F; Mountains=MTNS,MTN,MT,M.

ADDITIONAL JULY 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Little Blue Heron 7-26 (1 adult) Bonny Reservoir SRA, Yuma Co. (RS).
 Prairie Falcon 7-30 (1) summit of Boreas Pass (11481'), Park Co./Summit Co. (KH).
 White-tailed Ptarmigan 7-3 (1) Loveland Pass, Gilpin Co. (AH, DM, DS).
 Wild Turkey 7-26 (1 female with 6 young birds) Bonny Reservoir SRA, Yuma Co. (RS).
 Sora 7-8 (1) Molas Lake (10515'), San Juan Co. (KH).
 Black-necked Stilt 7-4 (3 adults, 1 immature) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (KH).
 Spotted Sandpiper 7-30 (1) Echo Lake (10600'), Clear Creek Co. (TM).
 Upland Sandpiper 7-5 (2) Red Lion SWA, Logan Co. (DB); 7-25 (8) Co. Rd. 95 & Red Lion Ranch, Logan Co. (RS).
 Pectoral Sandpiper 7-25 (1) Co. Rd. 93 @ South Platte River, Logan Co. (RS).
 Black Tern 7-25 (14) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (RS).

Black-billed Cuckoo 7-25 (1) South Platte River, Sterling, Logan Co. (RS).
Flammulated Owl 7-14 (1) Golden Gate Canyon S.P., Jefferson Co. (AH, LS).
Common Poorwill 7-2 (1) along trail leading from east entrance to Mt. Falcon Park,
Jefferson Co. (KL).
Black Swift 7-3 (9, with one observed on nest behind small waterfall) Hanging Lake
Glenwood Canyon, Garfield Co. (AH, DM, DS).
Chimney Swift 7-25 (4) Crook, Logan Co. (RS).
Magnificent Hummingbird 7-25 (1 female) Evergreen, Jefferson Co. (TM).
Rufous Hummingbird 7-5 (1 male) Junction Creek Campground, San Juan National
Forest, La Plata Co. (KH).
Lewis' Woodpecker 7-6 (2) Highway 550, 8 miles north of Durango, La Plata Co. (KH).
Least Flycatcher 7-25 (1) South Platte River, Sterling (RS).
Great Crested Flycatcher 7-4 (2) island in South Platte River, one mile east of
Julesburg, Sedgwick Co. (DB).
Purple Martin 7-3 (3 males, 2 females, two active nest holes) McClure Pass, Gunn-
ison Co. (AH, DM, DS).
Dickcissel 7-25 (1) north of Sedgwick, Sedgwick Co. (RS).

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The Denver Field Ornithologists wish to acknowledge contributions to the "Colorado Bird Report" from the Colorado Field Ornithologists and Toni Brevillier.

* * * * * COLORADO BIRD REPORT - 423-5582 * * * * *

The Denver Field Ornithologists wish to express thanks and good luck to Ron Carter. Ron took over as Treasurer of the DFO last month replacing Robert Righter. However, a good job opportunity opened up in California for Ron and he has already moved. David Gulbenkian has accepted the Treasurer position for our organization and we appreciate his volunteering for this important job.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the Birder's Guide and Checklist to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt by David E. Martin and Duane Nelson should send a long, self addressed, stamped envelope to: David E. Martin - 9330 West 90th Drive, Westminster, Colorado 80020. This publication includes seasonal distribution for the 220 species seen since 1980 in the Greenbelt with an introduction about birding the Greenbelt by Duane Nelson.

BIRD LATILONG REVISION UNDERWAY

The Colorado Division of Wildlife has commissioned a third edition of the Colorado Bird Latilong study. This remarkable document collects observations of bird watchers from all over the state to show the distribution of each species of bird in the state. It shows the occurrence of Colorado birds by "latilong"--that piece of geography bounded on each side by one degree of latitude and one degree of longitude. By illustrating distribution according to the 28 latilongs in the state, a useful picture emerges of bird distribution.

The 1983 edition lists 416 species recorded in the state during the previous 15 years; during that period Colorado has had no records of an additional 14 species. All bird watchers who have information about Colorado are invited to contribute to the revision underway. "We seek information which substantiates changes to the Second Edition", said Hugh Kingery, who has charge of the revision.

The latilong revision will incorporate information developed from the first year of the Colorado Breeding Atlas. However, the latilong study differs from the Atlas by reporting data on migrants and wintering birds as well as breeding birds.

Interested bird watchers may obtain information from and submit data to Hugh Kingery, c/o Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80205.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1987

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983 & 1985) order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111. PLEASE NOTE: Submitting Field Trip summaries in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order saves the Editor considerable time and trouble since his worksheets are laid out in this manner. There are several Field Check-Lists currently in circulation, most of which are out-of-date. Field Trip Leaders are requested to use "The Field Check-List of Birds of Eastern Colorado" (10-82) to compile and submit the results of their Field Trips. This Check-List can be obtained at regular monthly meetings of the DFO (they are free to the Leaders).
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INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS (continued):

2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind condition temperature, miles covered by car and on foot and duration of the trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "FORMS" (e.g., Snow Goose - "White" form vs. "Blue" form) and/or SUBSPECIES (e.g., Northern Oriole - "Baltimore" race vs. "Bullock's" race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species found in each life zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine).
5. Individual Field Trips are acceptable and will be published along with the results of regularly scheduled DFO Field Trips depending upon space and interest.
6. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip Reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the Monthly Summaries.
7. Please notify the Editor, Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111 (tel. 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

PLEASE CALL THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT (423-5582) BEFORE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULING.

SEPTEMBER 5, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH (NEAR FORT MORGAN). Leader: Joe Rigli. Coordinator: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot) or at the Pepper pod Restaurant in Hudson (I-76) at 7:45 A.M.*

5-7, LABOR DAY WEEKEND JOINT FIELD TRIP-DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS AND COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS TO SOUTHEAST COLORADO. Leader: Dan Bridges (755-7665). On September 5th: Meet at 9:00 A.M. at the Diamond Shamrock Gas Station in Ordway (junction of Colorado Highways 71 & 96). Trip will start at Lake Meredith and go to Cheraw, Hasty, Nee-So-Pah Reservoir and Lamar. Overnight will be primitive camping in Cottonwood Canyon or in Springfield (motels and good private campground). On September 6: Birding will be done in Cottonwood Canyon area. On September 7: Flexible. Bring food and water for meals and snacks. REGISTER WITH LEADER. He will assist in carpooling. From August 18-24, call Ruth Wheeler (455-3924) to register as the Leader will be out of town.

12&13, Saturday & Sunday. 1987 FALL COUNT. Coordinator: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Compiler: Carol Hack (777-7893). Field Trip Leaders: SEND YOUR REPORTS TO CAROL HACK - 1034 SOUTH STEELE STREET, DENVER 80209. DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 20!

SEPTEMBER 12, SATURDAY

BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near May D&F), South Sheridan at Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285).*

WATERTON. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Park & Ride, South Wadsworth & U.S. Highway 285 (southwest corner), or at Waterton Bridge at 6:45 A.M.*

CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Park & Ride, South Wadsworth and U.S. Hwy. 285 (southwest corner) to carpool. Meet leader at west gate entrance to Chatfield at 6:45 A.M.*

SEPTEMBER 13, SUNDAY

BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at east gate entrance to Barr Lake State Park. Strenuous 8-10 mile hike.*

BARR LAKE PERIFERY. Leader: John Bregar (753-0477). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at east gate entrance to Barr Lake State Park.*

ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Park & Ride, South Wadsworth and U.S. Hwy. 285 (southwest corner).*

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at west gate entrance to Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA at 6:00 A.M.*

19, Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Prospect Park, West 44th Avenue near Robb St.*

20, Sunday. EAST BOULDER/WHITE ROCKS TRAIL AND WHITE ROCKS PRESERVATION AREA. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at R.T.D. Park & Ride, Broomfield, Wadsworth (Colorado Hwy. 121) south of the Denver/Boulder Freeway (U.S. Hwy. 36). Six mile round-trip with lunch packed in.*

26, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK & CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Safeway, South Logan and Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285).*

27, Sunday. NORTHEASTERN COLORADO. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot). This will be a full day of birding with return to Denver around 6:00 P.M. (possibly later).*

*BRING LUNCH

SUBMITTED BY: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

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NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 7, 1987

PROGRAM: "Birds of Southern California Emphasizing the Value of Wetlands" with Harland E. Rupp.

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* * * * * COLORADO BIRD REPORT - 423-5582 * * * * *

MOST-WANTED COLORADO BIRDS

Two months ago Denver Field Ornithologists' members were invited to rank their ten most-wanted species for Colorado and submit their lists to the Editor of the Lark Bunting. Apparently this exercise did not generate very much interest amongst the DFO membership as only 16 responses were received by the August 31 deadline. Nevertheless, here are the results of the survey. The 16 respondents listed a total of 102 species. The most-wanted species, Boreal Owl, received 7 votes with a weighted ranking of 53 (i.e., 10 points for most-wanted, 9 points for second most-wanted, and so on). Species receiving three or more votes are listed below with the weighted ranking by those voting for the species shown in parenthesis:

- 7 votes: Boreal Owl (53)
- 6 votes: Bendire's Thrasher (31)
- 5 votes: Flammulated Owl (45); Sharp-tailed Grouse (27)
- 4 votes: Snowy Owl (35); Northern Saw-whet Owl (29); White-winged Cross-bill (19)
- 3 votes: Least Bittern (21); Rufous-crowned Sparrow (19); Painted Bunting (18); Black-billed Cuckoo (18); Hudsonian Godwit (16)

Species that received one or two votes generally were either rather common (e.g., Sora) or extremely rare (e.g., Harlequin Duck). None of the 12 species listed above

are easily found in Colorado. The Boreal Owl, although more widespread than once thought, requires strenuous effort normally to see in the high coniferous forests even after it has been located by its call. A "close-in-to-Denver" bird was seen by a number of people this past winter and early spring near Echo Lake receiving much attention by the "Colorado Bird Report". However, most numerous recent sightings have come from the Cameron Pass area west of Fort Collins. The Bendire's Thrasher has been found in very small numbers nesting northwest of Del Norte in the Rio Grande National Forest near the junction of N.F. Roads 660 & 660.3A. With a little diligence it should be located during June and July in this area (CAUTION!-many Sage Thrashers are also found here). Flammulated Owls normally nest in woodpecker holes in Aspen groves between 7500'-10000'. Recent reliable locations are the Pike National Forest (Wildhorn campground) and in Golden Gate State Park. The best method to locate one is to tap on a tree having a woodpecker hole in it during June and July and hope the owl is occupying it and will appear. Sharp-tailed Grouse have all but been extirpated from their ancestral "stomping grounds" in Douglas County for obvious reasons. So one has to go to the western slope in hopes of seeing them with any degree of reliability. One good spot in recent years has been near Hayden along Routt County Road 27 (also known as 20 Mile Road) about 20 miles west of Steamboat Springs where 12 birds were observed "stomping" 8.9 miles south of the junction with U.S. Highway 40 on April 8, 1987. Northern Saw-whet Owls can appear most anywhere at any time. Recently, some six birds were found in the Glenwood Springs area and reported on the "Colorado Bird Report". Their are several resident birds in Castlewood Canyon State Park but they have been "taped to death" and generally can't be lured in by a taped call. However, it is still possible to find one here with a good deal of luck and perseverance from mid-winter into late spring. Least Bitterns are very small and very secretive and thus most difficult to find. Generally you will just have to be downright lucky to see one. Of late they have nested in the farthest west ponds at Sawhill Ponds east of Boulder and northeast of Longmont. One was seen on August 9th this year at Lower Latham Reservoir where they also most likely breed. Your best bet is to keep tuned to the "Colorado Bird Report" (423-5582) for current sightings. The Black-billed Cuckoo is a rare migrant in eastern Colorado and a sporadic nester along the major water courses particularly along the South Platte River from Sterling to Julesburg. It requires a lot of hunting to find them however. Snowy Owls and White-winged Crossbills are very rare, irregular wanderers to the state and naturally will get top billing on the "Colorado Bird Report" if any have been sighted. The Snowy Owl will only be found during the winter months, but White-winged Crossbills have been seen in almost every month of the year. The Hudsonian Godwit is a rare but regular spring migrant and a very rare, irregular fall migrant at the large reservoirs in eastern Colorado. The Painted Bunting should probably be rated as accidental in Colorado as there are only a handful of records. For those dedicated bird-watchers who are willing to go to any lengths to find a most-wanted species, extreme southeastern Colorado (Baca County) offers the best chance of finding a Painted Bunting during spring migration when an "overshoot" might appear. Finally, two respondents listed the Smith's Longspur as one of their most-wanted birds. To date the Smith's Longspur has not been recorded in Colorado and therefore is not on the state list of 441 Colorado birds.

AUGUST 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- AUGUST 1, Saturday. Cobert & Gotera Canyons on southwest edge of Mesa de Maya, Las Animas County, elevation 5250'-6450' (CG). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Clear; Wind, 0-20 MPH; 70°-90°). 18 miles on foot. 12 hours birding. (48 species, 579 individuals).
- 1, Saturday. Sedalia to Castlewood Canyon State Park (SC). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Marylyn Baker, Hazel Hanley. (Mostly clear; Wind, light from north changing to strong from south; 67°-85°). 149 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 11 hours birding. (44 species, 408 individuals).

- AUGUST 2, Sunday. Burland Ranchettes (BR). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Martha & David Gulbenkian, Alan & Dee Hay, Joanne Kyhl, Thompson Marsh, Jack Reddall, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink, Virgil Williams. (Clear in A.M., partly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, mostly calm; 65°-85°). 84 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (51 species, 281 individuals).
- 5&6, Wednesday & Thursday. Northeastern Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Prospect Reservoir, farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6&61, 6&67, along the South Platte River at Sterling, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir, Tamarack Ranch SWA, Prewitt Reservoir SWA (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW 10 MPH on 8-5, NE 10-20 MPH on 8-6; 60°-101°). 430 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 25 hours birding. (97 species, 8777 individuals).
- 8, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir SRA (CRA). Leader: Irv Jackson. Observers: Jean Maguire, Walt Maguire, Dave Shugart, Steve Studley, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Overcast becoming clear; Wind, light; 62°-70°). 34 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 6.5 hours birding. (36 species, 370 individuals).
- 9, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Joe Tenbrink. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Mike Carter, Wanda Dudek, Mary Gebhart, Tom & Marge Gibb, Lynne Peterson, Vicky Tokle, Melissa Tokle. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, 8 MPH; 60°-86°). 5 miles on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (53 species, 1068 individuals).
- 7-9, Friday through Sunday. Southwestern Colorado: Pagosa Springs, Chromo, Navajo Reservoir area in Archuleta County, elevation 6050'-9300' (SWC). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Mostly cloudy, trace of rain; Wind, 0-15 MPH; 60°-85°). 250 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 17 hours birding. (79 species, 1973 individuals).
- 13, Thursday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir (including the "Pelican Refuges"), Orchard, Latham Reservoir (NEC). Observers: Alan Hay, Jack Reddall. (Dense fog early becoming partly cloudy with P.M. thunderstorms; Wind, variable 0-15 MPH; 59°-85°). 251 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 12.5 hours birding. (99 species, 5982 individuals).
- 15, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Nunn; Weld Co. Rds. 114, 45, 122, 37; rock quarry at Weld Co. Rds. 37&94; Latham Reservoir; Weld Co. Rds. 48, 47, 46, 45, 42, 49; farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6&61; Prospect Reservoir (NECO). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Ellen Copeland, Hazel Hanley, Ed Holub, Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, W 5-10 MPH becoming NE 10-15 MPH in P.M.; 63°-92°). 223 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 11.5 hours birding. (82 species, 8736 individuals).
- 16, Sunday. Boulder Area Lakes & Greenbelts (BL). Leaders: Art & Helen Wainwright. Observers: Irv Jackson, Joe Tenbrink, Virgil Williams. (Sunny; Wind, gusty; 54°-88°). 30 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (39 species, 275 individuals).
- 22, Saturday. Bailey to Guanella Pass & Georgetown (BG). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Dermot Cooper, Peggy Gondar, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Joanne Kyhl, Carol Lofft, Joan McGuire, Chuck & Gail Romeo, Anne Southcott, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy in A.M. with light to heavy rain in P.M.; Wind, calm; 50°-60°). 105 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours birding. (40 species, 194 individuals).
- 23, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Barr Lake State Park, Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast with fog,

drizzle & rain showers; Wind, SE 10-20 MPH; 55°-61°). 201 miles by car, 7 miles on foot. 12.5 hours birding. (96 species, 9174 individuals).

- 23, Sunday. Bear Creek-plains only (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observer: Ed Acela. (Cloudy, rain; 45°-60°). 20 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (37 species, 226 individuals).
- 29, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Prewitt Reservoir SWA, Jackson Reservoir (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Marylyn Baker, Dermot Cooper, Nevin Corl, Bobby DeMuth, Norm Erthal, Hazel Hanley, Ives & Evan Hannay, Phil Hayes, Joey Kellner, Dan Laszlo, Rex McGehee, Bill Payne, Carol Prismon-Reed, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink, Linda Vidal, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, SW 0-15 MPH; 50°-78°). 264 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 12 hours birding. (92 species, 2914 individuals).
- 30, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Lisa Acri, Linda Metcalf, Wayne & Margie Sladek. (Partly cloudy; Wind, variable 5-10 MPH; 55°-75°). 21 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (65 species, 762 individuals).

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 207 species was reported during August from 10 regularly scheduled DFO Field Trips along with five additional individually conducted trips. As expected, the greatest activity during the month centered around the shorebird fall migration (Plovers through Phalaropes) with a total of 29 shorebird species out of a possible 41 currently on the state list being reported from the field trips. The more notable finds were: one Black-bellied Plover at Barr Lake State Park on 8-13 and 3 on 8-23 at the same location; one Hudsonian Godwit in juvenal plumage at Jackson Reservoir on the 23rd; a juvenal Ruddy Turnstone also at Jackson Reservoir on the 23rd; a single Red Knot at Barr Lake S.P. on 8-23; one White-rumped Sandpiper at Barr Lake S.P. on the 9th (no details submitted to support this extremely rare and difficult to identify fall migrant); two Buff-breasted Sandpipers—one adult in a flooded field just east of Proctor in Logan Co. on the 5th (early) and one at Jackson Reservoir on August 29th; one juvenal Short-billed Dowitcher at Jackson Reservoir on the 23rd, two juvenals at the same location on 8-29 and a single juvenal at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA on August 30th; two winter plumaged Red-necked Phalaropes were seen at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA on 8-31.

Cattle Egrets appeared in good numbers at their usual fall "stopping-off" site just south of Latham Reservoir (75 on 8-13 & 8-15). Twenty-four Band-tailed Pigeons were found on the August 2nd Field Trip to the Burland Ranchettes. Yellow-billed Cuckoos have been scarce in eastern Colorado during the past two summers probably due to the lack of tent caterpillars. Only one was reported during the month along the South Platte River at Sterling on August 5th. Broad-tailed and Rufous Hummingbirds put in an appearance away from the mountains with three of each species found actively feeding on Bee Weed along Weld Co. Rd. 45 about one mile south of Latham Reservoir on 8-15. A single Rufous Hummingbird also was seen at Muir Springs Park near Fort Morgan on the 23rd. A Great Crested Flycatcher was located on the southwest edge of Mesa de Maya in Las Animas Co. on 8-1 and another was seen on the 29th below the dam at Prewitt Reservoir. A single "Cassin's" race of the Solitary Vireo was also reported on 8-29 below the dam at Prewitt Reservoir along with a female American Redstart and one immature male Black-throated Green Warbler. Three male "eastern" race Rufous-sided Towhees were observed singing along the South Platte River at the Tamarack Ranch SWA on August 6th where they likely nest each year. A possible hybrid Rosy Finch was observed at a feeder in Georgetown on 8-22 and described as having "much gray on top of the head, much pink on the breast".

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Pied-billed Grebe				8		5	20	5	3	6		2	1		
Horned Grebe													1		
Eared Grebe				1				3	2						
Western Grebe				2	2	14		95	25			20		75	2
Clark's Grebe								2	1					1	
American White Pelican				70		91		45	62			56		250	
Double-crested Cormorant				32	231	45		45	40	6		4	7		30
American Bittern									1						
Great Blue Heron				60	4	5		25	6	8		11	3	50	3
Great Egret						2									
Snowy Egret								5	8			2		2	
Cattle Egret								75	75						
Black-crowned Night-Heron								3	3im				1		6
White-faced Ibis				1				12	3			8			
Canada Goose				2500	57	10	30		60	60		120	12	30	1
Wood Duck					1			5	1fe			3im		4	
Green-winged Teal				1			3	10	50			950		40	20
Mallard			3f	500	10	15	40	215	100	12		700	6	10	15
Northern Pintail				160				30	50			75		1	
Blue-winged Teal		6		275				100	100			100		15	5
Cinnamon Teal				4			5	1ma	5			5		2	
Northern Shoveler				6		2		400	200			750		15	2
Gadwall							7	2	15			10			
Redhead						4			10	2					
Common Merganser					1										
Ruddy Duck				20		2	15	5	5			2		2	
Turkey Vulture	6	8	3	1			7								1
Northern Harrier				1m1f					3fe					2f1i	
Cooper's Hawk	3														
Swainson's Hawk		8		13	1	2		15	12			13		8	2
Red-tailed Hawk	3	2	1				2								
"Western" race				1				2			2			2	
Ferruginous Hawk									2ad						
Golden Eagle			1a							1					
American Kestrel	2	5		10	1	13	20	12	8	1	1	22	3	10	
Ring-necked Pheasant				1	1			1im							1fe
Blue Grouse							4X								
Wild Turkey	1						4								
Northern Bobwhite				3-H				3							
Virginia Rail							1-H	1							1-H
Sora								1-H	11						1-H
American Coot				18		26	150	500	300		1	1600		100	10
Black-bellied Plover								1				3			
Semipalmated Plover				4				2				3		2	
Killdeer		3	1	350	8	55	2	300	130	15		90	1	50	8
American Avocet				40		2		1	35			6			
Greater Yellowlegs				10		1		3	2	2		8		4	3
Lesser Yellowlegs				55		15		75	50	20		22		15	15
Solitary Sandpiper				3		1		7	2			2	2		
Willet									2					1	
Spotted Sandpiper				10		13	2	3	1			3	1	2	4
Upland Sandpiper				4											
Long-billed Curlew												1		2	

NOTE (X): Includes 1 adult, 3 immatures

AUGUST 1987	1	1	2	5&6	8	9	7-9	13	15	16	22	23	23	29	30
AREA COVERED	CG	SC	BR	NECO	CRA	BAR	SWC	NEC	NECO	BL	BG	NECO	BC	NECO	CCR
LIFE ZONE COVERED	MT	PF	MT	PLNS	PLN	PLN	MTN	PLN	PLNS	PL	MT	PLNS	PL	PLNS	PLN
Hudsonian Godwit												1im			
Marbled Godwit						1		25				20			
Ruddy Turnstone												1im			
Red Knot												1			
Sanderling												2		1	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				5				1				1		3	
Western Sandpiper				3	1			3	4			15		5	1
Least Sandpiper				60				81	45			210		30	10
White-rumped Sandpiper						1ND									
Baird's Sandpiper				125		33		450	35			600		120	7
Pectoral Sandpiper				5											1
Stilt Sandpiper				80		1		250	15			205		5	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				1ad										1	
Short-billed Dowitcher												1im		2im	1im
Long-billed Dowitcher				30		5		80	30			70			3
Common Snipe								4	3			1	2		5
Wilson's Phalarope				10				7	11	1		15		3	
Red-necked Phalarope															2
Franklin's Gull				8				300	75			1		180	175
Ring-billed Gull				65	9	400		100	250	30		50	6	250	25
California Gull				300		5		400	100			30		200	75
Forster's Tern				22		2		8				1	2	12	2
Black Tern				12		4		18	5			10		31	
Rock Dove		9		25		4		10	90			3	10	15	1
Band-tailed Pigeon			24				4								
Mourning Dove	40	22	1	700	1	9	30	150	225	4		130	6	110	15
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				1											
Great Horned Owl	1						2-H							1ad	1ad
Burrowing Owl				1				1	3					3	
Common Nighthawk	7			1			6		7					1	
Common Poorwill	1H														
Chimney Swift				2				2				12			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		15	18				15		3fe	3	18				
Rufous Hummingbird			5				10	3fe	3fe			1fe			
Belted Kingfisher			1	2	3	2	7	4		2		1	1	3	2
Lewis' Woodpecker	3						30								
Red-headed Woodpecker				11				3				2a1i		1	
Williamson's Sapsucker			1p				3				3				
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	3														
Downy Woodpecker			3		1	2				1					
"Batchelder's" race															2fe
"Eastern" races				1				1				4		1	1ma
Hairy Woodpecker	3						1				2				
"Eastern" races				1				1				1		2	
Northern Flicker				13	1			3						6	
"Yellow-shafted" race							2								
"Red-shafted" race	6	3	3				10		1	3	3	9	7		2
Olive-sided Flycatcher			2					1			1	1	4		
Western Wood-Pewee	8	2	4	1	5	5	8	7	1	2	1	8	5	15	5
Willow Flycatcher														1	
Hammond's Flycatcher											1				
Dusky Flycatcher							2								
Western Flycatcher			3							1	1			1	

NOTE (ND): Extremely rare fall migrant in Colorado-NO DETAILS PROVIDED.

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Eastern Phoebe	4														
Say's Phoebe	4								1					3	
Great Crested Flycatcher	1													1	
Cassin's Kingbird	50														
Western Kingbird	3	2		250	1	3	4	65	30			75	4	30	
Eastern Kingbird		2		60		21		50	2	2		11		35	
Horned Lark	20	3		30				5	3500			10		2	
Tree Swallow			7	5	1							15			
Violet-green Swallow		1	9		3		800					70			
N. Rough-winged Swallow							30	20				20			
Bank Swallow				5				80	160			50			
Cliff Swallow		80	23	3	1		10	45		4					
Barn Swallow		2	15	600	1	33	15	400	275	5	3	2250	12	150	35
Gray Jay											5				
Steller's Jay			8				30				8				
Blue Jay				10				9				10		25	1
Scrub Jay	35	25					3								
Pinyon Jay	40						5								
Clark's Nutcracker											1				
Black-billed Magpie		42	4	22	1	18	75	8	5	2	4	25	10	10	20
American Crow		10					50		3		8				
Chihuahuan Raven	6														
Common Raven		1	6		1		25				7		4		
Black-capped Chickadee		4		17	1	15	5	20		8		19	4	7	5
Mountain Chickadee	7		8				10				17				
Plain Titmouse	12														
Bushtit	8						3								
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		1				2	2			1	1		3	
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		1	1							4				
Pygmy Nuthatch			6				4				7	1			
Brown Creeper			1				3								
Rock Wren	10				3		3							1	
Canyon Wren	5														
Bewick's Wren	50														
House Wren			4	30	2	2	25	18		2	2	15		18	
Marsh Wren									2						
American Dipper			1												
Golden-crowned Kinglet			3				3								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							2						1		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher							2								
Eastern Bluebird														15	
Western Bluebird							4								
Mountain Bluebird		1	3				15				3				
Townsend's Solitaire			1												
Swainson's Thrush														1	
American Robin	7	12	11	25	5	8	50	6	5	7	4	10	23	150	5
Gray Catbird		2										1		1	2
Northern Mockingbird	3														
Sage Thrasher								1	5		2				
Brown Thrasher				5				2				4		5	
Curve-billed Thrasher	1														
Water Pipit											1				
Cedar Waxwing		1												12	5
Loggerhead Shrike	1			7				5	9			2	3		

AUGUST 1987	1	1	2	5&6	8	9	7-9	13	15	16	22	23	23	29	30
AREA COVERED	CG	SC	BR	NECO	CRA	BAR	SWC	NEC	NECO	BL	BG	NECO	BC	NECO	CCR
LIFE ZONE COVERED	MT	PF	MT	PLNS	PLN	PLN	MTN	PLN	PLNS	PL	MT	PLNS	PL	PLNS	PLN
European Starling		45		110	1	65	40	450	500	20		200	34	300	25
Bell's Vireo				6											
Solitary Vireo	3	1	1H											1	
"Cassin's" race															
Warbling Vireo			1				3	1				1im			
Virginia's Warbler							2			5		1ma		3	
Yellow Warbler				6	1		4	3ma						1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler							4								
"Audubon's" race			2Z								9				
Townsend's Warbler							1					2m4f			
Black-throated Green Warbler												1ima			
American Redstart														1fe	
Northern Waterthrush										1		1			1fe
MacGillivray's Warbler							5				1	2			11
Common Yellowthroat				2				5				2fe			2
Wilson's Warbler						5				4		6		25	
Yellow-breasted Chat				4				2		1					
Western Tanager			3				3			1	8			1	4
Black-headed Grosbeak	10	12		1ma			5				2	1fe	10	1fe	
Blue Grosbeak	4			2ma				1ma							
Lazuli Bunting			1m												
Green-tailed Towhee							2								
Rufous-sided Towhee	50	9			1		15			2					
"Eastern" races				3ma											
Brown Towhee	40						1								
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	2														
Chipping Sparrow	15	8	11	15	3		25	5	3	6	17	15	2	40	25
Clay-colored Sparrow															2
Brewer's Sparrow									40					1	1
Vesper Sparrow		5		3				2	2	12				10	25
Lark Sparrow	60	3		150		1	40	75	20			2	8	20	25
Lark Bunting	15	4		1100				55	1200			70		20	
Savannah Sparrow															8
Grasshopper Sparrow				1											
Song Sparrow		1	2	1									2		15
Lincoln's Sparrow			2								1				
White-crowned Sparrow											2				
Dark-eyed Junco															
"Gray-headed" race							10				13				
McCown's Longspur									35						
Chestnut-collared Longspur									15						
Red-winged Blackbird		4	3	45	1	1	100	45	75	8		25	7	100	15
Western Meadowlark	2	18		150		2	4	40	40			40	6	20	10
Yellow-headed Blackbird				1		30	5	10	35						1
Brewer's Blackbird		1	8	10			40	300	80						15
Common Grackle			1	90	1	40	1	25	150	1		1	4	100	5
Brown-headed Cowbird	1		2	1		1	1im								
Orchard Oriole				1			1ma								
Northern Oriole	8														
"Bullock's" race		2		5		1fe		12			1f	1		1	
Rosy Finch															
Possible hybrid-?											1				

NOTE (Z): One female observed feeding fledged Brown-headed Cowbird.

AUGUST 1987	1	1	2	5&6	8	9	7-9	13	15	16	22	23	23	29	30
AREA COVERED	CG	SC	BR	NECO	CRA	BAR	SWC	NEC	NECO	BL	BG	NECO	BC	NECO	CCF
LIFE ZONE COVERED	MT	PF	MT	PLNS	PLN	PLN	MTN	PLN	PLNS	PL	MT	PLNS	PL	PLNS	PLN
Cassin's Finch			13				1				5				
House Finch		6		20		4	2	40	5			100	11	5	10
Pine Siskin			15				10				7				
Lesser Goldfinch	12	2	1				20								
American Goldfinch		2		30	4	9		25				10			12
Evening Grosbeak		12	27				10				16				
House Sparrow		2	1	300		12		225	250			150		45	10
TOTAL SPECIES - 207	48	44	51	97	36	53	79	99	82	39	40	96	37	92	69

ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Immature Male=Ima; Immature Female=ife; Pair=pr; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FOOT,FHL,FH,F; Mountains=MTNS,MTN,MT,M.

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE! Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports":

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Sightings reported to the Colorado Bird Report will not be published in the Lark Bunting unless reported to the compiler in writing as stipulated in item 2 below
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Double-crested Cormorant 8-3 through 8-5 (2 first-year birds), lake at Evergreen @ 7000', Jefferson Co. (TM).

American Bittern 8-9 & 8-12 (1 adult) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR).

Least Bittern 8-9 (1 adult) intake ditch from Co. Rd. 48, Latham Reservoir (JR).

Cattle Egret 8-12 (75) Latham Reservoir along Co. Rd. 48 (JR).

Wood Duck 8-12 (1 male, 1 female) intake ditch from Co. Rd. 48, Latham Reservoir (JR).

Bufflehead 8-9 (1 female) Latham Reservoir (JR).

Sharp-shinned Hawk 8-20 (1 immature) Island Acres SRA, Mesa Co. (JR).

Golden Eagle 8-19 (2 adults) & 8-20 (2 adults, 1 immature) Island Acres SRA (JR); 8-20 (1 adult) Little Book Cliffs Wildhorse Area, Mesa Co. (JR).

Chukar 8-20 (30) Cameo & Little Book Cliffs Wildhorse Area (JR).

Wild Turkey 8-7 (3) near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH).

Black-bellied Plover 8-12 (2) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (JR).

Black-necked Stilt 8-9 (2) Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (DB).
Blue-throated Hummingbird 8-8 (1 female) Somerset, Gunnison Co. (RS).
Calliope Hummingbird 8-3 through 8-5 (1 female) Evergreen (TM); 8-9 (1 female) near Critchell (AH).
Rufous Hummingbird 8-12 (7) feeding on Bee Plant along Co. Rd. 45 about one mile south of Latham Reservoir (JR).
Olive-sided Flycatcher 8-27 (2) along South Platte River 2 miles above "Kingfisher Bridge", Jefferson Co. (DB).
Bank Swallow 8-9 (300) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (DB).
Pinyon Jay 8-20 (4) Little Book Cliffs Wildhorse Area (JR).
Pygmy Nuthatch 8-28 (1) backyard at 4450 South Alton St., Greenwood Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
Hermit Thrush 8-9 (1 adult, 2 immatures) near Critchell (AH).
Northern Parula 8-12 through 8-23 (1 "bob-tailed" bird) along South Platte River above Waterton bridge, Douglas Co. (DB, several other observers).
Black-and-white Warbler 8-5 (1) along South Platte River one mile above "Kingfisher Bridge", Douglas Co. (DB); 8-29 (1) island in South Platte River one mile east of Julesburg, Sedgwick Co. (DB).
Black-throated Sparrow 8-20 (1 immature) Cameo, Mesa Co. (JR).
Fox Sparrow 8-16 (1, "Slate-colored" race) about 100 yards down the Bicycle trail, Stapleton Drive, Genesee Park, Jefferson Co. (TM).
Evening Grosbeak All month (up to 12 males, females & immatures) Kipling & Hampden Jefferson Co. (RLS).

CONTRIBUTORS: Dan Bridges (DB), Alan Hay (AH), Thompson Marsh (TM), Jack Reddall (JR), Russell & Leslie Remsen Schreiner (RLS), Robert Spencer (RS).

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FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS: Take initiative in carpooling. Be sure the drivers know the route to be taken so no one gets lost. Arrange a rest stop by noon. Make an attempt to see that all members of the group see the birds observed.

OCTOBER 3, Saturday. ROXBOROUGH PARK/WATERTON. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at South Logan and Hampden Avenue (US Hwy. 285) or at 8:15 A.M. at the entrance to the Park. *

4, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR STATE RECREATION AREA. Leader: Beth Jackson (750-0903). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the West Gate. $\frac{1}{2}$ -day trip with lunch optional.

10, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, east section of the north parking lot. *

- OCTOBER 11, Sunday. WATERTON. Leader: Ken LaBorde (973-3548). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Park-'n-Ride, South Wadsworth south of Hampden (US Hwy. 285). $\frac{1}{2}$ -day trip. Lunch optional.
- 17, Saturday. CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Park-'n-Ride, South Wadsworth south of Hampden (US Hwy. 285). *
- 18, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Prospect Park, West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. *
- 24&25, Saturday & Sunday. MONTE VISTA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND AREA. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Register with leader! He will assist with carpooling. On the 24th a ranger will meet the group at 2:00 P.M. at the Refuge Headquarters for a tour of the refuge and the feeding areas of the Sandhill and Whooping Cranes. On Sunday nearby refuges and Lathrop State Park will be visited enroute to I-25. Bring food for lunches and snacks. Spend the night at Monte Villa Inn (includes a coffee shop), 925 1st Avenue, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144 (1-852-5166) or camp at Country Trailer Court (1-852-5030).
- 25, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet at 8:00 A.M. Mountain Standard Time at BaseMar Shopping Center, southeast corner, Baseline and Broadway (Colorado Hwy. 93) in Boulder. *
- 31, Saturday. BEAR CREEK, PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near May D&F), South Sheridan north of Hampden (US Hwy. 285). *
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER DURING THE FALL OF 1987, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 4, 1987

PROGRAM: "Status of the Peregrine Falcon and Other Raptors" with Jerry Craig, Raptor Biologist, Colorado Division of Wildlife at Fort Collins.

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SEPTEMBER 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

SEPTEMBER 5, Saturday. Rigli Ranch and surrounding plains area (RIG). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Patty Echelmeyer, David and Martha Gulbenkian, Jack & Ethel Humphries, Marybeth Hurd, Joanne Kyhl, Martha Marshall, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe Tenbrink, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Cloudy; Wind, variable 0-10 MPH; 60°-80°). 14 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (51 species, 558 individuals).

5&6, Saturday & Sunday. Southeastern Colorado: Lake Meredith, Sugar City ponds, Cheraw, Lake Hasty Recreation Area, Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Lamar City Park, Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo Picnic Ground, dry Cimarron River, Two Buttes Reservoir (SECO). Leader: Dan Bridges. Observers: Shirley Blackburn, Walter & Jane Collins, Gary Conover, Elizabeth Daniels, Bobbie DeMuth, Evan & Ives Hannay, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Betty Humphries, Art & Sue Jaeger, Mark Janos & sons, Nathan & Ben, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Jack & Dorothy Reddall, Marcile Riber, Doug & Arlene Ripley, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Mort Staatz, Linda Vidal, Barbara Webb, Marvin & Hannah Woolf. (Sunny on Saturday with evening rain; partly cloudy on Sunday; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 60°-80°). 775 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 26 hours birding. (132 species, 3319 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (continued):

12&13, Saturday & Sunday. 1987 Fall Count. Results will be published as a Supplement to next month's issue of the Lark Bunting.

- 15, Tuesday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir (NECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Cloudy becoming overcast with steady rain until mid-afternoon; Wind NE 5-15 MPH; 52°-68°). 293 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13 hours birding. (86 species, 28440 individuals).
- 19, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (GB). Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Bill Brockner, Brenda Cockrell, Nevin Corl, Alex Cruz, Hilda Eichenberger, Richard Hale, Billie & Estes Howe, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Paul Lotz, Tom Lotz, Ann Oberg, Jack Reddall, Carol P. Reed, Don & Jo Shrode, Anne Southcott, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, variable 0-3 MPH; 40°-70°). ¼ mile by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 5.5 hours birding. (42 species, 473 individuals).
- 20, Sunday. East Boulder/White Rocks Trail and White Rocks Preservation Area (WRK). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Dee Hay, Irv Jackson, Mort & Rosemary Staatz, Claude Vallieres. (Broken clouds to sunny; Wind, occasionally light; 45°-70°). 6 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (57 species, 1482 individuals).
- 22, Tuesday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park; Bijou Reservoir Weldona; Jackson Reservoir; Orchard; Morgan Co. Rds. 3,B; Weld Co. Rds. 4,73,8,67,6 to Prospect Reservoir (NEC). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, E 0-5 MPH; 37°-77°). 254 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 13 hours birding. (98 species, 5030 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Douglas County: Sedalia, Plum Creek & Castlewood Canyon State Park (DC). Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Hilda Eichenberger David Holub, Eddie Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Don & Jo Shrode, Virgil Williams. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, calm; 51°-83°). 81 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 8 hours birding. (39 species, 330 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Prewitt Reservoir; returning to Denver via I-76 to Keenesburg; Weld Co. Rds. 59,8,61,6 (farm ponds) to Prospect Reservoir (NEC). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: John Bregar, Brenda Cockrell, Nevin Corl, David & Martha Gulbenkian, Richard Hale, Joe Himmel, Irv Jackson, Bob Righter, Dick Schottler, Robert Spencer, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy to cloudy, occasional rain showers; Wind, NE 15-25 MPH gusting to 35 MPH; 60°-70°). 258 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 12.5 hours birding. (92 species 6906 individuals).

SEPTEMBER	5	5-6	15	19	20	22	26	27
AREA COVERED	RIG	SECO	NECOL	GB	WRK	NEC	DC	NEC
LIFE ZONES COVERED	PLN	PLNS	PLAIN	PL	PLN	PLN	PF	PLN
Pied-billed Grebe		2	1	14	6	4	3	
Horned Grebe						5		4
Eared Grebe	1	2	21			4		3
Western Grebe		7	600			375		150
Clark's Grebe		1	1			2		1
American White Pelican			545			180		900
Double-crested Cormorant		30	4		3	60		25
American Bittern						1		
Great Blue Heron	1	20	45		10	15	1	50
Great Egret		1						
Snowy Egret		7				1		

SEPTEMBER	5	5-6	15	19	20	22	26	27
AREA COVERED	RIG	SECO	NECOL	GB	WRK	NEC	DC	NEC
LIFE ZONES COVERED	PLN	PLNS	PLAIN	PL	PLN	PLN	PF	PLN
Tricolored Heron		1						
Cattle Egret		2						
Black-crowned Night-Heron		15		3	21	1im		
White-faced Ibis		20						1
Snow Goose								
"White" form								1ad
Canada Goose	2	1	50	40	16			60
Wood Duck						4		
Green-winged Teal	50	25	40			50		250
Mallard	40	300	200	45	29	500		400
Northern Pintail	4	10			1	35		20
Blue-winged Teal	40	50	10		8	20		50
Northern Shoveler	8	200	175			85		200
Gadwall		250	3	20	35	20		2
American Wigeon		25		17	40	15		80
Redhead	3	100	20					1
Ring-necked Duck			1m1f		1			1ma
Ruddy Duck		20	10			150		3
Turkey Vulture		5					12	1
Osprey			1					
Mississippi Kite		1a1i						
Northern Harrier		5			1	3		3fe
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1ad		1
Cooper's Hawk	1							
Broad-winged Hawk			1im			1im		
Swainson's Hawk	4	40	2			8	1	2
Red-tailed Hawk	1	3		1	3		1	
"Western" races			2			8		2
Ferruginous Hawk		4						1ad
Golden Eagle		1im						
American Kestrel	2	25	15		2	21	1	10
Peregrine Falcon			1ad					
Prairie Falcon		1			2	4		1
Ring-necked Pheasant		15	3			2		3
Wild Turkey		25						
Northern Bobwhite			1					
Virginia Rail			2-H	1				
Sora			1-H			1-H		
American Coot	7	400	25	27	30	50		300
Black-bellied Plover								1
Lesser Golden-Plover			2					
Snowy Plover		1						
Semipalmated Plover		1	2					2
Killdeer	10	30	200	1	6	140		125
Black-necked Stilt		4						
American Avocet		25	5			2		30
Greater Yellowlegs		10	6			13		2
Lesser Yellowlegs	12	40	25		4	50		50
Solitary Sandpiper	8	1	1					
Willet		1						
Spotted Sandpiper		1		1				1
Long-billed Curlew		1						
Marbled Godwit		2	1					1
Sanderling			1			5		20
Semipalmated Sandpiper	6	7						
Western Sandpiper	2	10	10					2

SEPTEMBER AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES COVERED	5 RIG PLN	5-6 SECO PLNS	15 NECOL PLAIN	19 GB PL	20 WRK PLN	22 NEC PLN	26 DC PF	27 NEC PLN
Least Sandpiper		10	135			3		40
Baird's Sandpiper		50	300			100		200
Pectoral Sandpiper		2	10			1		6
Stilt Sandpiper		5	115			20		175
Short-billed Dowitcher		3	1im					
Long-billed Dowitcher		60	30			10		45
Common Snipe	7	6		3	2	2		7
Wilson's Phalarope	2	30						
Red-necked Phalarope		3				7		13
Red Phalarope			1					
Franklin's Gull		12	1100		32	450		850
Little Gull						1im		
Bonaparte's Gull								2
Ring-billed Gull								
California Gull		3	150			150		1
Herring Gull						2ad		
Sabine's Gull								2im
Common Tern		1						
Forster's Tern		5				3		
Black Tern		15	1					
Rock Dove	1	50	6	10	23	8	27	15
Mourning Dove	25	300	60	6	36	25	6	20
Greater Roadrunner		3						
Common Barn-Owl		1						
Eastern Screech-Owl				1				
Great Horned Owl	2				2	1ad		4
Burrowing Owl		3						1
Common Nighthawk	2	2						
Common Poorwill		2-H						
Chimney Swift						1		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1im						
Belted Kingfisher		5	4	3	2	4		3
Lewis' Woodpecker		30					3	
Red-headed Woodpecker	2im	5	1im					
Red-naped Sapsucker					1			
Downy Woodpecker		1		1	1		1	
"Eastern" races			1			2		1fe
Hairy Woodpecker								
"Eastern" races						3		
Northern Flicker				20		22		8
"Red-shafted" race	2	10	6		8		5	
Olive-sided Flycatcher		2						
Western Wood-Pewee	3	3	1	1	1			
Least Flycatcher		2						
Empidonax species	1							1
Eastern Phoebe		3						
Say's Phoebe	2	3				1		1
Great Crested Flycatcher		1						
Cassin's Kingbird		2	1					
Western Kingbird	6	20						
Eastern Kingbird	2	1						
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		1a1i						
Horned Lark	2	7	10			50		20

SEPTEMBER AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES COVERED	5 RIG PLN	5-6 SECO PLNS	15 NECOL PLAIN	19 GB PL	20 WRK PLN	22 NEC PLN	26 DC PF	27 NEC PLN
No. Rough-winged Swallow	1							1
Bank Swallow								
Cliff Swallow		3						
Barn Swallow	60	10	1000	25	20	425		65
Steller's Jay							16	
Blue Jay		1	17	1	7	25	16	12
Scrub Jay		8					14	
Pinyon Jay		30						
Black-billed Magpie		10	10	40	17	40	16	18
American Crow		5			1		3	
Chihuahuan Raven		1						
Common Raven		1					2	
Black-capped Chickadee			8	3	4	6	4	2
Plain Titmouse		1						
Bushtit		25						
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1		
White-breasted Nuthatch		1					7	
Brown Creeper				1				
Rock Wren		7			7		1	2
Canyon Wren		5						
Bewick's Wren		5						
House Wren	1	2	2		1	2		1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2	1		2		1
Western Bluebird							2	
Mountain Bluebird							17	
Townsend's Solitaire						1	1	
Hermit Thrush								3
American Robin	1	20	20	5	110	75	35	25
Gray Catbird						1		
Northern Mockingbird		1						
Sage Thrasher					3	1		
Brown Thrasher	2		6			4		1
Water Pipit	2		1			3		10
Cedar Waxwing		2					1	10
Loggerhead Shrike	1	6						
European Starling	6	20	1000	30	22	200	45	800
Solitary Vireo								
"Plumbeous" race				1				
"Cassin's" race			1	2				
Warbling Vireo		2	1im	1				
Orange-crowned Warbler		1	5	8	5	6		
Yellow Warbler		3						
Yellow-rumped Warbler							3	15
"Myrtle" race			10			2		
"Audubon's" race			1	60	7	8		
Townsend's Warbler				4				
Black-throated Green Warbler		1fe						
Black-and-white Warbler		1fe						
American Redstart	1im	1fe						
Common Yellowthroat			2			6		
Wilson's Warbler	4	4	9	4	5	6	1	
Yellow-breasted Chat						1		
Western Tanager		3fe				1		

SEPTEMBER AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES COVERED	5 RIG PLN	5-6 SECO PLNS	15 NECOL PLAIN	19 GB PL	20 WRK PLN	22 NEC PLN	26 DC PF	27 NEC PLN
Blue Grosbeak		1m5i						
Lazuli Bunting		1fe						
Indigo Bunting		1						
Green-tailed Towhee	1				2	2		2
Rufous-sided Towhee					8		11	
"Spotted" races						6		2
Brown Towhee		20						
Chipping Sparrow			10		2	20	1	15
Clay-colored Sparrow					1			
Brewer's Sparrow	10				1	2		
Vesper Sparrow	30	7	10		1	250	8	4
Lark Sparrow		6			1	1		
Lark Bunting	3	500						
Savannah Sparrow		15	1					2
Song Sparrow			2	4	2	3		1
Lincoln's Sparrow	1		1			3		
White-throated Sparrow						1im		
White-crowned Sparrow				3	53	95		
"Gambel's" race								6
Dark-eyed Junco								
"Oregon" race						4		5
Chestnut-collared Longspur						75		
Red-winged Blackbird		75	2000	3	86	250	10	150
Western Meadowlark	8	25	20		6	175	4	55
Yellow-headed Blackbird	15	1	1					1ma
Brewer's Blackbird				7		75		600
Common Grackle		1	20000	35	46	125	17	100
Brown-headed Cowbird	1-H			3				
House Finch		1	1	6	9	4	12	
Pine Siskin			1		4	5		
Lesser Goldfinch		1					10	
American Goldfinch			1	3		6		2
Evening Grosbeak							5	
House Sparrow	150	25	30		2	110	6	70
TOTAL SPECIES - 194	51	132	86	42	57	98	39	92

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife; Pair=pr,p; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLAIN,PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FOOT,FHL,FH,F; Mountains=MTNS,MTN,MT,M.

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Great Egret 9-1 (1) Latham Reservoir, intake canal from Co. Rd. 48, Weld Co. (TJ)
 Snowy Egret 9-1 (1) Latham Reservoir, intake canal from Co. Rd. 48 (TJ); 9-5 (3) Latham Reservoir, intake canal from Co. Rd. 48 (TJ); 9-9 (1) Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (TJ).
 Little Blue Heron 9-29 (1 immature) South Platte River, Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (BR). No details submitted-ED.
 Wood Duck 9-11 (1 male) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 9-30 (1 male) Muir Springs Park (JR).
 Osprey 9-5 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (TJ); 9-8 (1) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co (JR).
 Mississippi Kite 9-7 (4) Lamar City Park, Prowers Co. (DR,JR).

Sharp-shinned Hawk 9-8 (1 immature) Lake Hasty Recreation Area, Bent Co. (JR);
9-30 (1 immature) Muir Springs Park (JR); 9-30 (1 immature) Prewitt Reservoir,
Washington Co. (JR).

Northern Goshawk 9-24 (1 immature) Dinosaur National Monument, Moffat Co. (JR,DR)

Peregrine Falcon 9-23 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (HK).

Chukar 9-25 (4) along I-70 at Island Acres SRA exit, Mesa Co. (JR,DR).

Blue Grouse 9-23 (1) Fall River Rd., Rocky Mountain N.P., Larimer Co. (AH); 9-24
(2 males, 1 female) Dinosaur National Monument (JR,DR); 9-26 (1) near Critchell,
Jefferson Co. (AH).

Northern Bobwhite 9-26 (2, with one with green band on right leg) South Republica
River, 2 miles upstream from Hale Ponds, Yuma Co. (DB); 9-27 (7) island in South
Platte River, 1.5 miles east of Julesburg, Sedgwick Co. (DB).

Lesser Golden-Plover 9-11 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR).

Semipalmated Plover 9-5 (2) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (TJ); 9-14 (1) Cherry Creek
Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (TJ).

Short-billed Dowitcher 9-12 (1 immature) farm pond at Co. Rds. 6&61, Weld Co. (DN)
Written details submitted (DN); 9-24 (1 immature) farm pond at Co. Rds. 6&61,
Weld Co. (BR).

Red-necked Phalarope 9-12 (10) pond below Prospect Reservoir dam, Weld Co. (DN);
9-15 (7) Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. (TJ). Written details submitted (TJ).

Red Phalarope 9-30 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (JR).

Parasitic Jaeger 9-8 (1 sub-adult) Lake Meredith (JR,DR).

Little Gull 9-13 through 9-26 (1, transitional plumage from juvenal to first
winter) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR,JK,AC,JM plus m.ob.).

Sabine's Gull 9-18 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

Common Tern 9-18 (4) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

Masked Shining Parrot (*Prosopeia personata*) 9-18 (1) Fairmount Cemetery at the
mausoleum, Denver Co. (JR). This large parrot from the Fiji Islands was wearing
a band on its right leg ("Listers", out-of-luck!).

Eastern Screech-Owl 9-26 (1, heard only) between Hale Ponds and South Republican
River, Yuma Co. (DB).

Northern Saw-whet Owl 9-2 (1, heard only) 31428 Burke Rd., Coal Creek Canyon,
Jefferson Co. (DN).

Common Poorwill 9-18 (1) Tower Rd. at 88th Ave., Adams Co. (JR); 9-18 (1) Genesee
Mountain Park, Jefferson Co. (AH).

Whip-poor-will 9-27 (1 male) island in South Platte River one mile east of Jules-
burg, Sedgwick Co. (DB). Written details submitted (DB).

Chimney Swift 9-18 (2) Fairmount Cemetery, Denver Co. (JR).

White-throated Swift 9-24 (1) Dinosaur National Monument (JR).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9-26 (1 female) South Republican River one mile upstream
from Hale Ponds, Yuma Co. (DB). Written details submitted (DB); 9-30 (1 male)
Prewitt Reservoir along the intake canal, Washington Co. (JR).

Least Flycatcher 9-11 (1) south Platte River at Weldona, Morgan Co. (JR).

Pinyon Jay 9-13 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Arapahoe Co. (MOS).

Brown Creeper 9-20 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).

Rock Wren 9-11 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).

Golden-crowned Kinglet 9-10 (2 males) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH);
9-26 (2) Apishapa River east of I-25, Las Animas Co. (DB); 9-27 (1) Muir Springs
Park (DB).

Townsend's Solitaire 9-10 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).

Solitary Vireo 9-4 & 9-5 (1, "Blue-headed" race-Vireo solitarius solitarius) Wheat
Ridge Greenbelt (DN). This is apparently a first state record for Colorado. The
written details submitted lacked convincing details and a follow-up detailed
description should be submitted to the CFO Records Committee for further evaluat-
ion-(ED).

Yellow-throated Vireo 9-27 & 9-28 (1) Spring Creek Dam, Horsetooth Reservoir,
Larimer Co. (BH,DB,JR). Written details submitted (DB).

Red-eyed Vireo 9-5 (1), 9-12 (1) & 9-17 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (TJ). Written details submitted (TJ); 9-18 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS); 9-28 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS); 9-30 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN)
Golden-winged Warbler 9-15 (1 male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (JK). Written details submitted (JK).
Tennessee Warbler 9-7 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (DN). Written details submitted (DN).
9-18 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (TJ). Written details submitted (TJ).
Nashville Warbler 9-12 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (TJ). Written details submitted (TJ).
Chestnut-sided Warbler 9-27 (1, fall plumage) South Platte River, three miles east of Ovid, Sedgwick Co. (DB).
Magnolia Warbler 9-21 through 9-24 (1 immature) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN, JR). Written details submitted (DN).
Black-throated Blue Warbler 9-8 through 9-10 (1 male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN).
Black-throated Gray Warbler 9-8 through 9-10 (1 male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN, D)
Black-throated Green Warbler 9-27 (1) island in South Platte River, 1.5 miles east of Julesburg, Sedgwick Co. (DB).
Palm Warbler 9-24 & 9-25 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN). Written details submitted (DN). 9-29 (1) Bear Creek Lake Park, Jefferson Co. (MJS); 9-29 (1, "Western" race) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Blackpoll Warbler 9-29 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN, DS).
Black-and-white Warbler 9-29 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
American Redstart 9-10 (1) Barr Lake State Park (TJ). Written details submitted (TJ). 9-12 (1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN).
Ovenbird 9-10 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Northern Waterthrush 9-5 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN); 9-17 (1) Vaille Reservoir Adams Co. (HK); 9-21 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN).
MacGillivray's Warbler 9-12 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Canada Warbler 9-17 (1 male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (NC, TJ). Written details submitted (TJ).
Painted Redstart 9-7 & 9-8 (1 adult, probable male) Lake Hasty Recreation Area, Bent Co. (JR, DR).
Black-headed Grosbeak 9-25 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Lazuli Bunting 9-18 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Green-tailed Towhee 9-16 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Brewer's Sparrow 9-9 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Lincoln's Sparrow 9-7 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
White-throated Sparrow 9-27 (2) below Riverside Reservoir dam, Weld Co. (DB); 9-3 (1 adult) Muir Springs Park (JR).

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INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983 & 1985) order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111. PLEASE NOTE: Submitting Field Trip summaries in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order saves the Editor considerable time and trouble since his worksheets are laid out in this manner. There are several Field Check-Lists currently in circulation, some of which are out-of-date. Field Trip Leaders are requested to use "The Field Check-List of Birds of Eastern Colorado (10-82) to compile and submit the results of their Field Trips. This Check-List can be obtained at regular monthly meetings of the DFO (free to Leaders).
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered by car and on foot and duration of trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "Forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - "White" form vs. "Blue" form) and/or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - "Baltimore" race vs. "Bullock's" race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species found in each Life Zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine).
5. Individual Field Trips are acceptable and will be published along with the results of regularly scheduled DFO Field Trips depending upon space and interest.
6. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip Reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the Monthly Summaries.
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- NOVEMBER
- 1, Sunday. NORTHWEST LAKES AND WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Prospect Park, West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. $\frac{1}{2}$ Day Trip with lunch optional.
 - 7, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the west gate. *
 - 8, Sunday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK & CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Safeway Parking Lot, South Logan and Hampden Ave. (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
 - 14, Saturday. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Bobby Ausfahl (798-0552). Meet at 7:15 A.M. at the Park-N-Ride, South Wadsworth south of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285) or meet Leader at 7:30 A.M. at South Wadsworth and Deer Creek Road. *
 - 15, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leaders: Marilyn and Lee Rowe (659-8069 leave message). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Park entrance. *
 - 21, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER PARK. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Safeway Parking Lot, South Logan and Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *

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- 22, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE RECREATION AREA. Leader: Irv Jackson (233-2171). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Park-N-Ride, South Wadsworth south of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 27, Friday. TURKEY HUNT AFTER TURKEY DAY. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Call Leader if interested.
- 28, Saturday. NEAR PLAINS-UNION RESERVOIR TO GREELEY. Leader: Dick Pratt (759-5568). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, east section of North Parking Lot. *
- 29, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK AREA. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Trading Post in Red Rocks Park. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip with lunch optional.

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SUBMITTED BY: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER DURING THE FALL OF 1987, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 19, 1987

Christmas Bird Count compilation dinner at Wyatt's Cafeteria in the Bear Valley Shopping Center at 5:00 P.M. There is no meeting at the the Museum in December.

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OCTOBER 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- OCTOBER 2&3, Friday night & Saturday. Southwestern Colorado: Chama River from New Mexico border (8500') to Chama Lake (11,530'), Archuleta Co. (SWC). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Clear; Wind, 0-30 MPH; 30°-60°). 9 miles by car, 18 miles on foot. 11 hours birding. (30 species, 630 individuals).
- 3, Saturday. Roxborough Park area (RX). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Ruth Barsh, Ursula Barsh, Adrienne Cruz, Doris Cruz, Patty Echelmeyer, Ralph Ehret, Hilda Eichenberger, Alan & Dee Hay, Kris Joy, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Floyd Pendell, Frank Shupe, Anne Southcott, Nell Swiers, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, Variable 0-5 MPH; 55°-72°). 12 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (31 species, 160 individuals).

- 4, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Leader: Beth Jackson. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Hugh Duffy, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Marge & Tom Gibb, Richard Hale, Louise Hector, Irv Jackson, Pearl Jordan, Twyla Jorgenson, Jack Reddall, Joe Tenbrink, Virgil Williams. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW 5-10 MPH; 50°-75°). 13 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 5 hours birding. (46 species, 714 individuals)
- 10, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park & Vicinity (BAR). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Warren Finch, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer. (Cloudy, light ground fog; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 30°-36°). 54 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (47 species, 998 individuals).
- 11, Sunday. Waterton Canyon & Chatfield SRA-trail from Waterton to "Kingfisher Bridge" (WC). Leader: Ken LaBorde. Observer: Don Galletti. (Clear; Wind, SE 0-10 MPH; 32°-55°). 8 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (37 species, 574 individuals).
- 11, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park; South Platte River "Narrows"; Bijou Reservoir; Weldona; Jackson Reservoir & "Pelican Refuges"; Orchard; Roggen; Weld Co. Rds. 73,8,67,6,61&59 to Prospect Reservoir (NECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, Variable 0-10 MPH; 20°-70°). 242 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 12.5 hours birding. (82 species, 27,508 individuals).
- 17, Saturday. Chatfield SRA (CSR). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Alex Cruz, Don Galletti, Hazel Hanley, Alan & Dee Hay, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Jo Anne Kyhl, Thompson Marsh, Dick Pautsch, Bill Payne, Dorothy Percy, Jack Reddall, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe & Norma Shwed, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Joe Tenbrink, Carley Warren, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, light; 40°-70°). 10 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (65 species, 1170 individuals).
- 18, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (GB). Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Bill Brockner, George Collins, Hilda Eichenberger, Warren Finch, Irv Jackson, Dianne & Don Mullineaux, Joe Tenbrink, Doug Ward, Judy Ward, Virgil Williams. (Clear; 40°-60°). 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (47 species, 591 individuals).
- 21, Wednesday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park; Bijou Reservoir; Weldona; Jackson Reservoir & "Pelican Refuges"; Orchard; Morgan Co. Rds. U,3,B; Weld Co. Rds. 4,73,8,61,6,59 to Prospect Reservoir (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, Variable 0-10 MPH; 28°-73°). 246 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 12 hours birding. (77 species, 11,603 individuals).
- 24&25, Saturday & Sunday. Southwestern Colorado: Denver to Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge returning to Lathrop State Park (SWCOL). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Sally Asher, Lisa Berge, Virginia Bleck, Melissa Brady, Glenna Corey, Marta Deutman, Evan & Ives Hannay, Dee Hay, Louise Hector, Ann Oberg, Nicki Pliler, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler, Rob Wilson. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW 0-40 MPH; 40°-65°). 510 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 15 hours birding. (72 species, 8727 individuals).
- 25, Sunday. Boulder Area: Boulder Creek on C.U. campus & at 75th Street, Waldon Pond, Baseline Reservoir, Hogdson-Harris Reservoir (BLD). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Walt & Jessie Bowles, Ruth Breckon, Patty Echelmeyer, Irv Jackson, Bill Kaempfer, Diana & Don Mullineaux, Tina Pyrek, Lee & Marilyn Rowe, Don & Jo Shrode, Art & Helen Wainwright, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NW 0-35 MPH; 52°-68°). 25 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (64 species, 2314 individuals).

- 30, Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir, Sterling (cemetery), Prewitt Reservoir SWA, Muir Springs Park (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast to mostly cloudy with light to moderate rain showers, heavy P.M. thunderstorms; Wind, Variable, 0-20 MPH; 43°-63°). 375 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 12 hours birding. (82 species, 11,369 individuals).
- 31, Saturday. Bear Creek, Plains to Foothills (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Ed Acela, Hazel Hanley, Phil Hayes, Paul Jonas, Hazel Kellogg, Diane Lane, Tim Maguire, Dick Pautsch, Hugh Ravatt, Tim Schowalter, Ruth Wheeler, Yvette Wilkinson, Virgil Williams. (Partly sunny; 45°-65°). 25 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (41 species, 309 individuals).

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Without question, the "invasion" of migrating sparrows created the most interest during the month. American Tree Sparrows began showing up by 10-16. Field Sparrows were reported at three locations on the plains during the month. The most notable activity surrounded the outstanding number of Swamp Sparrows found throughout the eastern part of the state with five being reported on 10-14 from Chatfield SRA. Some years this elusive sparrow is not present (or at best difficult to locate) during the winter months. White-throated Sparrows, while generally present in fair numbers each fall and winter on the plains, were occurring in unprecedented numbers during the month with nine reported from Muir Springs Park near Fort Morgan on 10-22. Also showing up in good numbers were Harris' Sparrows with 10 reported near the Hale Store in Yuma County on 10-11. Harris' Sparrows are normally an uncommon winter visitor to the eastern plains. A single Fox Sparrow was reported at Chatfield SRA on 10-14.

The two-day field trip to the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge produced 6500 Sandhill Cranes and six Whooping Cranes (via the "foster parent program in Idaho"). The shorebird migration has petered out as expected with only one notable species being reported—one Red Phalarope on 10-11 at Jackson Reservoir and another single bird on the same date at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. A female Summer Tanager was mist-netted at Barr Lake S.P. on 10-10 (not a Scarlet Tanager as reported on the Colorado Bird Report) and reported by the field trip. An early, single, immature female Snow Bunting was observed at the Tamarack Ranch SWA on 10-30. And, finally, nine Great-tailed Grackles were seen on 10-25 near Homelake just east of Monte Vista.

A total of 157 species were reported from a combination of 13 scheduled and individual field trips during the month of October.

OCTOBER 1987	2&3	3	4	10	11	11	17	18	21	24&25	25	30	31
AREA COVERED	SWC	RX	CCR	BAR	WC	NECOL	CSR	GB	NECO	SWCOL	BLD	NECO	BC
LIFE ZONES VISITED	MTN	FH	PLN	PLN	PF	PLAIN	PLN	PL	PLNS	PFHMT	PLN	PLNS	PF
Pacific Loon												5	
Common Loon												26	
Pied-billed Grebe		5		5		9	3	10	4	4	11	5	3
Horned Grebe						5	1		6	1	18	20	2
Eared Grebe						2	1		20			25	
Western Grebe			20	9		200	2		250	1	30	175	6
Clark's Grebe												1	
American White Pelican				17		7			1			181	
Double-crested Cormorant			55			550	20				1	155	
Great Blue Heron			5						1		3	14	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1im			1im							
Greater White-fronted Goose									12			15ad	
Snow Goose													
"White" form									3			10	

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Canada Goose			2	300	32	250	165	80	350	167	65	2500	22
Wood Duck						5	16					18	
Green-winged Teal			15	31		25	45		250	3	30	2	
Mallard		2	10	39	7	100	110	60	330	276	150	4500	13
Northern Pintail				8		8	4		5	12	24	70	
Blue-winged Teal			2	14		2							
Northern Shoveler			1	1		300	50	1	1500	23	16		30
Gadwall				43		20	50	50	950	93	65	150	4
American Wigeon			1fe	10		20	25	25	300	15	275	200	35
Canvasback									5	5		35	
Redhead						550	3	15	80	2	75	15	
Ring-necked Duck								53	40	2	60	25	
Lesser Scaup			2fe				1	12	25			30	
White-winged Scoter												1im	
Common Goldeneye										3		1fe	
Bufflehead							10		6	4	2fe	20	4
Hooded Merganser								1			4	12	
Common Merganser							1im				8fe	4fe	
Red-breasted Merganser												4fe	
Ruddy Duck			8			25	10	1	50	2	4	1	
Turkey Vulture		2											
Osprey							1						
Bald Eagle												2im	
Northern Harrier	1	1		1		5fe	1		3	8	2	6	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1					1		1				
Cooper's Hawk	1					1ad	1						
Red-tailed Hawk	4	1								19			
"Western" races			1	1		4	4		7		5	8	3
"Kriders" race											1		
Ferruginous Hawk									2	1	1	1	
Rough-legged Hawk				1						6	1	2	
Golden Eagle		1							6		1im		
American Kestrel	1	1		3		7	1	1	4	1	5	10	2
Peregrine Falcon				1									
Prairie Falcon		1		1		1			2	1			
Ring-necked Pheasant						5m1f			6m1f	2		1m1f	
Virginia Rail						1							
Sora			1										
American Coot			15	69		130	340	20	400	248	350	25	
Sandhill Crane					250					6500			
Whooping Crane										6			
Black-bellied Plover						2			3			3	
Lesser Golden-Plover						1							
Killdeer			10	1		45	3	1	16	3	5	2	
American Avocet										2			
Greater Yellowlegs				3		7	1		5		1		
Lesser Yellowlegs						11	2		1	8	2		
Solitary Sandpiper					1								
Least Sandpiper						3							
Baird's Sandpiper						25			7			1	
Pectoral Sandpiper			2			1	1						
Stilt Sandpiper			1						1				
Long-billed Dowitcher			2			11	50		30	55	6	2	
Common Snipe			1	3		8		3		2	5		

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Red Phalarope						2							
Franklin's Gull			150			80	1		2		2	5	
Bonaparte's Gull					7				1			5	
Ring-billed Gull		5	100	1	2	500	35	45	750	5	260	700	22
California Gull			75			50	2		3			1	
Herring Gull						1im	2		1			3	5
Forster's Tern			1										
Rock Dove		3		7		20	15	12	50	18	12	5	3
Mourning Dove		2				1	3		2				
Eastern Screech-Owl						1-H							
Great Horned Owl	2-H		1ad			3ad			2ad	5	1	2ad	1
Belted Kingfisher			1	1	4	1	4	2	3		3		3
Williamson's Sapsucker										1			
Downy Woodpecker				3	4		3	1		1			2
"Eastern" races						1m1f			3		1	1ma	
Hairy Woodpecker	2												
"Eastern" races												1	
Northern Flicker						25	9	7	12			19	
"Red-shafted" race		6	5	3	8					10	7		12
Horned Lark				8		2500			1250	22	6	1000	
Barn Swallow			6	158		150	2		20	3		2	
Gray Jay	4												
Steller's Jay	5	9			5					2			2
Blue Jay		3	1		4	8		3	6		2	2	2
Scrub Jay		15			4					5			
Pinyon Jay										2			
Black-billed Magpie	5	6	15	14	8	35	15	24	35	24	15	20	12
American Crow	4	2			12	1	19	3	2	29	4		1
Common Raven	8									21			3
Black-capped Chickadee	5	4	2	46	33	10	21	14	20		9	15	8
Mountain Chickadee	25	2					1			7	2		4
Bushtit										30			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1											3	
White-breasted Nuthatch								2		1	1		4
Pygmy Nuthatch													4
Brown Creeper	1		1	2				1		3	2	1	2
Rock Wren					1								
Canyon Wren		3								2			
House Wren					1	3							
American Dipper	4				3		2				5		5
Golden-crowned Kinglet	25					2							
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	8			1	2	3		3	1		1	4	
Eastern Bluebird												7	
Mountain Bluebird	3	4		14		8	1		1ma	17			
Townsend's Solitaire		4			6					18	2	1	
Hermit Thrush							1						
American Robin	12	35	5		19	1500	9	2	100	48	5	35	3
Gray Catbird				1									
Sage Thrasher									1				
Water Pipit						75			9			15	
Cedar Waxwing						1	9				20		
Northern Shrike										1		2ad	
European Starling		4	50	29	10	4000	5	35	1000	280	500	200	30

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Solitary Vireo													
"Plumbeous" race					1								
"Cassin's" race							1						
Orange-crowned Warbler					2	7							
Nashville Warbler							1						
Black-throated Blue Warbler								1					
Yellow-rumped Warbler					16			25					
"Myrtle" race						50	2		10		6		
"Audubon's" race	20		15	28		5	13				61		5
Townsend's Warbler								2					
Palm Warbler								1					
Black-and-white Warbler											1fe		
MacGillivray's Warbler							1						
Common Yellowthroat						1							
Summer Tanager				1fe									
Northern Cardinal												1fe	
Rufous-sided Towhee		23		2	4			1		1			
"Spotted" races						6m1f	3		1ma				
American Tree Sparrow									10		3	1	15
Chipping Sparrow		3	15		4		1						2
Clay-colored Sparrow					1								
Vesper Sparrow		2				7					1		
Savannah Sparrow			6			10							
Song Sparrow	6		4	6	7	20	9	3	15		1	2	5
Lincoln's Sparrow				1	3	4		2					2
Swamp Sparrow				1		1ad	1		1ad				
White-throated Sparrow						2a4i		2	1a2i			1im	
White-crowned Sparrow	60	5		40	50			12			2		6
"Gambel's" race			1ad			175	21		130			10	
Harris' Sparrow						1im			1im				
Dark-eyed Junco								8	6	26			
"Slate-colored" race				1		2	1		1		6	13	
"Oregon" race	150			14	5	12	1		18		9	20	4
"Gray-headed" race	200	4			2						2	4	
McCown's Longspur						10			3				
Lapland Longspur													
Snow Bunting												60	
Red-winged Blackbird	3		30	22	5	10000	19	12	2750	578	65	1ife	
Western Meadowlark	1	1	10	21	9	250	5		250	9	4	500	1
Brewer's Blackbird	5		5	2						8			
Great-tailed Grackle										9			
Common Grackle			30			5000	1	5	300	2	3		
Brown-headed Cowbird	20												
Pine Grosbeak	4fe												
Cassin's Finch										8			
House Finch			15		12	4	3	1	1	5	25	2	14
Pine Siskin	40				2			3				2	
American Goldfinch			5		25	6	4	7	10	2		25	20
Evening Grosbeak					B-H		2	17		10	30		
House Sparrow			10	10		150		1	110	20	40	25	
TOTAL SPECIES - 157	30	31	46	47	38	82	65	47	77	72	64	82	41

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS, PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FOOT,FHL,FH,F; Mountains=MTNS, MTN, MT, M.

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE! Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports":

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Sightings reported to the Colorado Bird Report will not automatically be accepted and published in the Lark Bunting unless reported to the compiler in writing as stipulated in item 2 below.
2. Individual "Additional Reports" should be submitted in writing in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983 & 1985) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and the specific location. Please refer to the Supplement to Lark Bunting, Volume 21, Number 3 (December 1985) for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems and for any species never recorded before in Colorado.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual "Additional Reports" is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. Send your "Additional Reports" to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

Common Loon 10-24 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
Snowy Egret 10-4 (1) Co. Rds. 42&48, Weld Co. (TJ); 10-14 (1) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (NE, JR).
Wood Duck 10-14 (15) & 10-21 (15) beaver pond along South Platte River, 2 miles upstream from "Kingfisher Bridge", Douglas Co. (DB).
Osprey 10-12 (1) Waldon Ponds, Boulder Co. (JR).
Bald Eagle 10-24 (1 immature) Barr Lake S.P. (JT, JR).
Sharp-shinned Hawk 10-3 (1 adult) & 10-7 (1 adult) "eating my birds at the feeder" 2025 So. Monroe, Denver (TJ); 10-19 (1) backyard, 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE).
American Coot 10-31 (1) being eaten by a female Northern Harrier, Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB). One was also observed on September 3 being eaten by a Great Horned Owl near the gravel ponds along the South Platte River, one mile upstream from "Kingfisher Bridge", Douglas Co. (DB).
Sandhill Crane 10-10 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 10-16 (6) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Black-bellied Plover 10-26 (4) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co.-written details submitted (TJ).
Lesser Golden-Plover 10-10 through 10-16 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR, m.ob. 10-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (BR).
Willet 10-16 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR, BR).
Sanderling 10-26 (3) Prewitt Reservoir (TJ).
Baird's Sandpiper 10-26 (6) Prewitt Reservoir-written details submitted (TJ).
Pectoral Sandpiper 10-26 (4 juvenals) Prewitt Reservoir-written details submitted (TJ).
Stilt Sandpiper 10-26 (2) Prewitt Reservoir-written details submitted (TJ).
Bonaparte's Gull 10-10 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Forster's Tern 10-19 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 10-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (BR).
Eastern Screech-Owl 10-23 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH).
Short-eared Owl 10-4 (1) roosting in marsh, Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (DB).
Red-bellied Woodpecker 10-17 (1 male) Prewitt Reservoir (BC, JK); 10-29 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (DB).

Red-naped Sapsucker 10-2 (1) & 10-10 (1) backyard, 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE).
Williamson's Sapsucker 10-17 (1) Genesee Mountain Park, Jefferson Co. (HK).
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 10-15 (1) Apishapa River, two miles east of I-25, Las Animas Co. (DB).
Barn Swallow 10-26 (1) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (TJ).
Winter Wren 10-24 (5) along South Republican River, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Hale, Yuma Co. (DB); 10-29 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA (DB).
Marsh Wren 10-28 (2) along Plum Creek, Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (HK).
Eastern Bluebird 10-17 (1 male) Prewitt Reservoir (BC,JK).
Western Bluebird 10-2 (4) Walker Ranch near Gross Reservoir, Boulder Co. (PE).
Swainson's Thrush 10-24 (1) backyard, 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE). Only one reported for the month!-ED.
Hermit Thrush 10-5 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Arapahoe Co. (MOS); 10-15 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS); 10-17 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (BC,JK); 10-24 (1, banded) Barr Lake S.P. (MC).
Gray Catbird 10-17 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (BC,JK).
Brown Thrasher 10-29 (1) backyard, 4450 So. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (DR).
Northern Shrike 10-21 (1) along Plum Creek, Chatfield SRA (HK).
Philadelphia Vireo 10-11 through 10-13 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (DA, m.ob.).
Orange-crowned Warbler 10-1 (1), 10-2 (1), 10-5 (1), 10-15 (1) all banded, 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Nashville Warbler 10-24 (1 male) Barr Lake S.P. (JR, et al).
Magnolia Warbler 10-22 (1 male) Barr Lake S.P. (DB, JR, et al).
Townsend's Warbler 10-5 (1) & 10-16 (2) backyard, 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE).
Black-throated Green Warbler 10-23 (1 male) Barr Lake S.P. (JR).
Blackburnian Warbler 10-7 (1 male) Chatfield SRA-written details submitted (HK).
Bay-breasted Warbler 10-20 through 10-24 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (DA, m.ob.).
Black-and-white Warbler 10-18 (1 male) & 10-20 (1 male) one mile east of Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (BJ).
Wilson's Warbler 10-15 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MOS).
Field Sparrow 10-12 (2) Barr Lake S.P. (JR).
Sage Sparrow 10-4 (1) along Rio Grande River, 4 miles north of New Mexico border, Costilla Co. (DB).
Fox Sparrow 10-14 (1) weedpatch between gravel ponds along South Platte River, one mile upstream from "Kingfisher Bridge", Douglas Co. (DB).
Swamp Sparrow Numerous reports from many areas all month. Apparently an "invasion year".
White-throated Sparrow Many reports all month of good numbers of birds. Also apparently an "invasion year".
Harris' Sparrow Numerous reports all month from many plains locations.

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Regular Family Membership - \$10 (if paid after October 1, valid for next year)

Senior Citizen Membership (Age 65 or older) - \$8

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The DFO wishes to extend its sympathy to Kathy Hawkins, our Past President, and to her family over the recent death of her father,

CORRECTION!

Your Editor failed to correctly number the pages of last month's Lark Bunting, Volume 23, Number 1. With the change in Volume, pages 137 through 147 should have been pages 1 through 11. Please note this change on your copy.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 1987

PLEASE CALL THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT AT 423-5582 BEFORE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULING.

DECEMBER 5, Saturday. NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES (north to 100th Avenue & west to Alkiere). Leader: Roland Olderog (429-1024). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the northwest corner of Sloan's Lake, West 25th & Sheridan (West Byron Place). *

6, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at west gate. *

12, Saturday. CBC PRE-COUNT - AREA 4A, LOWER SOUTH PLATTE. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924) assisted by Ruth Breckon and Ed Holub. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at King Soopers (west side) at South Federal and Bellevue. *

12&13, Saturday & Sunday. CBC PRE-COUNTS. Contact Leader of an area in which you would like to assist for meeting time and place. Note: Some Pre-Counts may be scheduled during the week.

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SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS: Take initiative in carpooling. Be sure the drivers know the route to be taken so no one gets lost. Arrange a rest stop by noon. Make an attempt to see that all members of the group see the birds observed.

AREA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS 1987

- DECEMBER 17, Thursday. NUNN CBC. Contact: Clait Braun. Home 493-2841
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- 18, Friday. NORTH PARK CBC. Contact: Clait Braun. Home 493-2841
Office 484-2836
- 19, Saturday. DENVER CBC. Contact: Jack Reddall. Home 771-5308
- 19, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK CBC. Contact: Clait
Braun. Home 493-2841
Office 484-2836
- 19, Saturday. LONGMONT (FHA) CBC. Contact: Virginia D'Onigi. Home 776-
2609
- 20, Sunday. BOULDER CBC. Contact: Bill Kaempfer. Home 939-8005
- 20, Sunday. EVERGREEN CBC. Contact: Dave Balogh. Home 969-0685
- 21, Monday. FORT MORGAN CBC. Contact: Dave Hutchinson. Home 1-667-8413
Office 936-3466
- 26, Saturday. BARR LAKE CBC. Contact: Bob Andrews. Office 492-6685
Home 756-5553
- 26, Saturday. FORT COLLINS CBC. Contact: Ron Ryder. Office 1-491-6547
Home 1-482-8089
- 30, Wednesday. RAWHIDE CBC. Contact: Ron Ryder. Office 1-491-6547
Home 1-482-8089
- JANUARY 2, Saturday. INDIAN PEAKS CBC (Nederland and Ward areas & above timber-
line). Contact: Mike Figgs. Home 447-1899
Bill Kaempfer. Home 939-8005
- 2, Sunday. DOUGLAS COUNTY CBC (7:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.). Contact: Ben
Moore. Home 369-8041. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Metro Park Headquarters
on South Santa Fe Drive south of Colorado Highway 470. Chili dinner
following count.

SUBMITTED BY: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Field Trip Coordinators

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver
Field Ornithologists, please contact either Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or Ruth Wheeler
(455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage
expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who
drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car
including the driver.

CARPPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to car-
pool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help to conserve energy. If
you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed for December,
please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for car-
pooling.

DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Saturday, December 19, 1987.

COUNT LEADER: Jack Reddall (771-5308)

FEEDER COORDINATOR: Hugh Kingery (333-0161)

COUNT COMPILERS: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809)
Jack Reddall (771-5308)

COMPILATION MEETING & DINNER: 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Bear Valley Shopping Center.

Please call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to assist in counting in a particular area, or call Jack Reddall (771-5308) if you would like to help count in an area that needs additional participants. In addition, Area Leaders should contact Jack Reddall before the Count to indicate how many participants each one has to assist in their respective areas,

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY!

In order to participate in the Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, you must pay a fee as all participants taking part in the Count must be accounted for and their fees collected as directed by the National Audubon Society. These fees are necessary to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all Christmas Counts in American Birds. A new "sliding scale" of fees has been established for the 1987 Christmas Bird Counts as follows: \$4.00 for the first Count participated in; \$3.50 for the second Count participated in; and \$3.00 for the third Count and for every Count thereafter. The honor system applies in all cases. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS, ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT AN APPROPRIATE FEE MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY OR NOT TAKE PART IN THE COUNT. Checks must be made payable to AMERICAN BIRDS, not the Denver Field Ornithologists!

PRE-COUNTS: All Area Leaders are strongly encouraged to conduct Pre-Counts. Since days and times will vary for Pre-Counts, please contact an Area Leader if you desire to assist in a particular area. There is no fee charged for participation in a Pre-Count.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names of the Area Leaders and their telephone numbers. Please contact Area Leaders for information as to meeting places and times for Count Day, December 19, 1987.

AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION	AREA LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
1. Red Rocks Park	Bill Brockner 674-4851
2. Lower Bear Creek	Bob Spencer 279-4682
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park	Richard Hale 790-4097
3. BowMar/Marston	Jack Reddall 771-5308
4A. Lower South Platte	Ruth Wheeler 455-3924
4B. Lower South Platte	Dick Schottler 985-0579
5. Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver 936-6902
6. Plum Creek	Doug Ward 467-0134
7A. Middle South Platte.	Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947
7B. Middle South Platte.	Hugh Kingery 333-0161
8. Chatfield SRA.	Phil Hayes 232-7421
9. Upper South Platte	David Martin 422-9143
10. Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Ken LaBorde 973-3548
12. Yegge Peak	Dan Bridges 755-7665
13. Doublehead Mountain.	Mike Carter 750-8252
14. North Turkey Creek	Warren Finch 233-3372
15. Indian Hills	Duane Nelson 642-7109
16. Upper Bear Creek	Cal Wichern 693-3718
17. Ken-Caryl Ranch.	Alan Hay 422-0239

AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION	AREA LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
18. Garrison Gate.	
19. Morrison/Willow Brook.	Carol Hack 777-7893
20. Willow Creek	Norm Erthal 424-6747
21. Mt. Lindo to Willow Springs.	John Bregar 753-0477

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNTS - 1954 THROUGH 1986

(Jack Reddall, compiler)

YEAR	NUMBER OF SPECIES	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	NEW SPECIES ADDED*	PARTY HOURS	NUMBER OF PARTIES	NUMBER OF OBSERVERS	FEEDER WATCHERS
1954	80	11586	76	100	12	33	#
1955	83	10263	18	72	8	22	#
1956	86	5732	6	66	8	17	#
1957	84	9409	6	88	9	22	#
1958	79	8341	3	53	6	16	#
1959	73	5806	3	56	8	21	#
1960	74	5437	2	78	9	27	#
1961	78	4027	6	67	8	23	#
1962	80	8277	3	69	9	27	#
1963	79	6278	0	57	7	21	#
1964	79	8154	1	59	8	32	#
1965	90	10984	0	69	8	41	#
1966	86	8164	1	48	6	26	#
1967	92	13022	2	60	6	32	6
1968	93	13550	3	130	13	56	12
1969	92	12658	1	180	17	65	15
1970	100	14518	3	179	17	67	22
1971	104	16162	3	189	20	72	19
1972	95	17073	2	164	22	63	20
1973	107	23808	4	331	30	95	26
1974	107	20573	5	216	31	94	29
1975	106	20693	3	276	34	104	20
1976	106	24747	1	298	41	118	31
1977	113	29543	3	285	37	100	34
1978	102	16937	2	276	36	110	39
1979	98	26795	1	267	31	116	33
1980	101	21811	0	208	26	79	45
1981	110	33304	2	243	33	114	40
1982	103	27607	2	225	31	97	38
1983	93	26330	1	207	29	109	41
1984	99	30972	1	230	29	95	45
1985	93	18993	2	220	27	83	41
1986	102	22467	0	232	29	94	35

*-Based upon A.O.U. CHECK-LIST, 1983 (6th Edition).

#-Feeder Watchers did not officially participate until 1967.

DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS
SUMMARY OF SPECIES ACCOUNTS (1954-1986)
(Jack Reddall, compiler)

SPECIES	YEAR ADDED TO COUNT	NUMBER OF YEARS RECORDED		HIGHEST NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS COUNTED	
		#	%	NUMBER	YEAR(S)
1. Red-throated Loon	1956	4	12	1	'56, '73, '77, '82
2. Pacific Loon	1981	2	6	3	'81
3. Common Loon	1970	6	18	5	'80
4. Yellow-billed Loon	1981	3	9	2	'82
5. Pied-billed Grebe	1954	22	67	92	'81
6. Horned Grebe	1956	7	21	4	'65
7. Eared Grebe	1974	4	12	6	'81
8. Western Grebe	1958	11	33	7	'82
9. Double-crested Cormorant	1976	7	21	4	'81
10. Great Blue Heron	1954	28	85	61	'77, '81
11. Black-crowned Night-Heron	1985	1	3	2	'85
12. Tundra Swan	1954	7	21	9	'57
Mute Swan	1967	8	---	8	'68
13. Greater White-fronted Goose	1964	7	21	11	'73
14. Snow Goose ("White" form)	1958	10	30	8	'81
15. Ross' Goose	1977	2	6	6	'82
16. Canada Goose	1954	33	100	10428	'84
17. Wood Duck	1954	28	85	58	'85
18. Green-winged Teal	1954	33	100	151	'75
19. American Black Duck	1968	2	6	1	'68, '69
20. Mallard	1954	33	100	2928	'67
21. Northern Pintail	1954	33	100	180	'74
22. Blue-winged Teal	1974	2	6	2	'77
23. Northern Shoveler	1954	29	88	70	'77
24. Gadwall	1954	33	100	206	'57
25. American Wigeon	1954	33	100	603	'81
26. Canvasback	1954	23	70	53	'66
27. Redhead	1954	31	94	199	'57
28. Ring-necked Duck	1954	31	94	236	'68
29. Greater Scaup	1967	8	24	6	'68, '77
30. Lesser Scaup	1954	29	88	166	'84
31. Oldsquaw	1970	4	12	5	'80
32. Surf Scoter	1962	1	3	1	'62
33. White-winged Scoter	1973	1	3	1	'73
34. Common Goldeneye	1954	33	100	198	'86
35. Barrow's Goldeneye	1973	4	12	1	'73, '84, '85, '86
36. Bufflehead	1954	28	85	83	'86
37. Hooded Merganser	1955	29	88	35	'86
38. Common Merganser	1954	33	100	3000	'54
39. Red-breasted Merganser	1954	12	36	9	'82
40. Ruddy Duck	1954	21	64	20	'62
41. Bald Eagle	1955	14	42	5	'83, '85
42. Northern Harrier	1955	31	94	32	'80
43. Sharp-shinned Hawk	1955	25	76	8	'86
44. Cooper's Hawk	1956	25	76	5	'85
45. Northern Goshawk	1955	18	55	4	'73, '82, '85

ø-Not considered feral in Colorado.

SPECIES	YEAR ADDED TO COUNT	NUMBER OF YEARS RECORDED		HIGHEST NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS COUNTED	
		#	%	NUMBER	YEAR(S)
46. Red-tailed Hawk	1954	33	100	62	'84, '85
"Western" race	1954	33	100	57	'84
"Harlan's" race	1954	22	67	12	'81
47. Ferruginous Hawk	1961	16	48	10	'85
48. Rough-legged Hawk	1955	32	97	24	'85
49. Golden Eagle	1954	30	91	13	'74, '79
50. American Kestrel	1954	33	100	64	'81
51. Merlin	1956	18	55	5	'81
52. Peregrine Falcon	1954	1	3	1	'54
53. Prairie Falcon	1954	32	97	9	'84
54. Ring-necked Pheasant	1954	33	100	72	'60
55. Blue Grouse	1958	14	42	13	'80
56. Wild Turkey	1978	3	9	18	'80
57. Virginia Rail	1974	11	33	19	'74
58. Sora	1974	1	3	4	'74
59. American Coot	1954	33	100	636	'81
60. Killdeer	1954	33	100	61	'81
61. Common Snipe	1954	33	100	45	'75
62. Ring-billed Gull	1954	33	100	4198	'86
63. California Gull	1973	9	27	15	'82
64. Herring Gull	1954	31	94	421	'86
65. Thayer's Gull	*1975	6	43	5	'86
66. Glaucous Gull	1954	4	12	1	'54, '65, '71, '73
67. Rock Dove	*1973	14	100	1422	'77
68. Mourning Dove	1955	22	67	100	'57
69. Common Barn-Owl	1975	1	3	1	'75
70. Eastern Screech-Owl	+1982	4	80	1	'82, '83, '85, '86
Screech-Owl sp.	1955	24	73	5	'77
71. Great Horned Owl	1954	32	97	41	'81
72. Northern Pygmy-Owl	1959	13	39	4	'76
73. Long-eared Owl	1955	21	64	9	'76
74. Short-eared Owl	1955	7	21	4	'55
75. Belted Kingfisher	1954	33	100	83	'81
76. Lewis' Woodpecker	1955	4	12	2	'70, '76
77. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker sp.	1970	3	9	3	'80
78. Downy Woodpecker	1954	33	100	85	'81
79. Hairy Woodpecker	1954	33	100	53	'72, '81
80. Three-toed Woodpecker	1972	4	12	1	'72, '74, '75, '78
81. Northern Flicker	1954	33	100	345	'81
"Red-shafted" race	1954	33	100	345	'81
"Yellow-shafted" race	1977	4	12	2	'80
82. Vermilion Flycatcher	1957	1	3	1	'57
83. Horned Lark	1954	32	97	867	'83
84. Gray Jay	1968	3	9	1	'68, '77, '78
85. Steller's Jay	1954	33	100	546	'73
86. Blue Jay	1957	22	67	85	'85
87. Scrub Jay	1954	33	100	167	'86

*-Not officially counted until 1973.

+-Not officially counted until 1982.

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		#	%	NUMBER	YEAR(S)
88. Pinyon Jay	1966	2	6	4	'66, '67
89. Clark's Nutcracker	1955	9	27	40	'72
90. Black-billed Magpie	1954	33	100	1832	'81
91. American Crow	1954	33	100	721	'79
92. Chihuahuan Raven	1971	2	6	2	'73
93. Common Raven	1955	24	73	162	'73
94. Black-capped Chickadee	1954	33	100	524	'77
95. Mountain Chickadee	1954	33	100	567	'71
96. Bushtit	1956	13	39	187	'78
97. Red-breasted Nuthatch	1955	28	85	85	'72
98. White-breasted Nuthatch	1954	33	100	91	'76
99. Pygmy Nuthatch	1954	33	100	419	'76
100. Brown Creeper	1954	33	100	54	'81
101. Rock Wren	1954	8	24	5	'70
102. Canyon Wren	1954	33	100	18	'58
103. Bewick's Wren	1961	1	3	1	'61
104. House Wren	1975	2	6	1	'75, '79
105. Winter Wren	1954	16	48	7	'74
106. Marsh Wren	1955	15	45	11	'74
107. American Dipper	1954	33	100	41	'81
108. Golden-crowned Kinglet	1954	24	73	43	'71
109. Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1960	15	45	11	'81
110. Western Bluebird	1974	1	3	2	'74
111. Mountain Bluebird	1961	3	9	2	'75
112. Townsend's Solitaire	1954	33	100	302	'77
113. Hermit Thrush	1971	1	3	1	'71
114. Wood Thrush	1984	1	3	1	'84
115. American Robin	1954	33	100	1066	'69
116. Northern Mockingbird	1955	11	33	2	'62, '68
117. Brown Thrasher	1962	8	24	1	'62, '63, '69, '70, '72, '75, '76, '86
118. Water Pipit	1957	18	55	9	'71
119. Bohemian Waxwing	1956	11	33	2922	'68
120. Cedar Waxwing	1954	16	48	78	'81
121. Northern Shrike	1954	33	100	18	'75
122. Loggerhead Shrike	1955	5	15	2	'79
123. European Starling	1954	33	100	5559	'79
124. Yellow-rumped Warbler	1957	5	15	5	'57
"Myrtle" race	1957	2	6	1	'57
"Audubon's" race	1957	2	6	4	'57
125. Cape May Warbler	1985	1	3	1	'85
126. Pine Warbler	1979	2	6	1	'79, '86
127. Common Yellowthroat	1973	1	3	1	'73
128. Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1977	1	3	1	'77
129. Green-tailed Towhee	1962	3	9	1	'62, '69, '86
130. Rufous-sided Towhee	1954	33	100	83	'83
131. Brown Towhee	1961	1	3	2	'61
132. American Tree Sparrow	1954	33	100	3538	'73
133. Fox Sparrow	1954	16	48	6	'70
134. Song Sparrow	1954	33	100	344	'81
135. Lincoln's Sparrow	1954	11	33	4	'73
136. Swamp Sparrow	1954	17	52	5	'77
137. White-throated Sparrow	1954	20	61	14	'77
138. Golden-crowned Sparrow	1967	3	9	1	'67, '84, '86

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		#	%	NUMBER	YEAR(S)
139. White-crowned Sparrow	1954	33	100	348	'65
140. Harris' Sparrow	1955	30	91	40	'69
141. Dark-eyed Junco	1954	33	100	2158	'79
"White-winged" race	1954	33	100	253	'72
"Slate-colored" race	1954	33	100	462	'83
"Oregon" race**	1954	33	100	923	'74
"Gray-headed" race	1954	33	100	618	'74
142. McCown's Longspur	1978	1	3	2	'78
143. Lapland Longspur	1972	7	21	20	'83
144. Chestnut-collared Longspur	1957	2	6	3	'78
145. Snow Bunting	1977	2	6	12	'83
146. Red-winged Blackbird	1954	33	100	2692	'64
147. Western Meadowlark	1954	33	100	515	'62
148. Yellow-headed Blackbird	1957	4	12	1	'57, '68, '77, '85
149. Rusty Blackbird	1959	11	33	20	'81
150. Brewer's Blackbird	1954	29	88	619	'58
151. Common Grackle	1959	6	18	11	'76
152. Brown-headed Cowbird	1983	1	3	1	'83
153. Northern Oriole	1982	1	3	1	'82
"Bullock's" race	1982	1	3	1	'82
154. Rosy Finch	1954	28	85	540	'72
"Gray-crowned" race	1954	25	76	535	'72
"Black" race	1954	19	58	25	'67, '75, '76
"Brown-capped" race	1954	7	21	208	'56
155. Pine Grosbeak	1961	9	27	20	'74
156. Purple Finch	1971	1	3	1	'71
157. Cassin's Finch	1954	32	97	628	'63
158. House Finch	1954	33	100	1897	'81
159. Red Crossbill	1955	18	55	171	'84
160. White-winged Crossbill	1969	1	3	75	'69
161. Common Redpoll	1961	14	42	91	'75
162. Pine Siskin	1954	33	100	1185	'67
163. Lesser Goldfinch	1960	7	21	14	'64
164. American Goldfinch	1954	33	100	651	'54
165. Evening Grosbeak	1954	28	85	981	'84
166. House Sparrow	1954	33	100	1495	'75

**-Includes "Pink-sided" form.

LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

HISTORY OF THE ANNUAL FALL BIRD COUNT

(Prepared by Jack Reddall)

Beginning in 1971, the Denver Field Ornithologists have conducted an Annual Fall Bird Count in the greater Denver area. This Count is normally held around the middle of September and covers various specified area and habitats. The original idea of conducting an Annual Fall Count is credited to Van Remsen who devised the "BBHMP Triangle" (Barr Lake, Banner Lakes, Horse Creek Reservoir, Mile High Lakes and Prospect Reservoir). This triangle's boundaries were bordered on the northwest and north by I-80s (now I-76); on the east by the road (Weld Co. Rd. #59) that runs just east of Keenesburg south along the east edge of Prospect Reservoir; and on the south by East 112th Avenue. The purpose of the Annual Fall Count was to count and record all the species and numbers for each species observed within the "BBHMP Triangle" each year in order to develop trends in migratory number of birds as well as compiling a listing of all species seen. Remsen's idea was a worthy one and ultimately probably would have provided some valuable and informative statistics. However, after surviving for only five years, the "BBHMP Triangle" was abandoned as interest in conducting an Annual Fall Count waned due primarily to conflicts with duck hunting activities in the Count area.

In 1979 interest was rejuvenated when the Count area was changed and expanded to include more and varied areas (only the Barr Lake count area has remained intact for the entire 17 years). Thus the statistics compiled since the Fall Count's inception in 1971 do not portray a solid basis for comparisons or from which to draw definitive conclusions as to migratory trends, etc. as originally envisioned by Remsen. It now has become a "fun-exercise" providing an opportunity to get afield for a couple of days each mid-September and enjoy the fall movement of birds passing through the Denver area at this time of year.

The initial Annual Fall Count was conducted on Saturday, September 11, 1971, in the "BBHMP Triangle" as follows:

- AREA 1. Barr Lake. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Douglas Buttery, Robert Buttery, Becky Cruse. (86 species).
- AREA 2. Mile High Lakes and surrounding plains. Leader: John Cooper. Observers: Christine Bonney, Henry & Vi Bossman, Lori Chappell, Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Dave Hutchinson, Steve Larson, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock. (81 species).
- AREA 3. Horse Creek Reservoir and surrounding plains. Leader: Van Remsen. Observers: Robert Andrews, Hugh Kingery, Sue Merrick, Edith Schmechel. (85 species).
- AREA 4. Banner Lakes, Prospect Reservoir and surrounding plains. Leader: Paul Julian. Observer: Robert Spencer. (79 species).

TOTAL SPECIES-133. TOTAL INDIVIDUALS-19310

In 1972, three all-time Annual Fall Count records were set that have never been equalled or surpassed irrespective of the many changes in count areas that have been added during the ensuing years. A grand total of 30,586 individuals were accounted for which has never been closely threatened (19,988 in 1975 comes the closest). A team composed of Robert Andrews, Hugh Kingery and Sue Merrick and led by Van Remsen recorded 117 species at Horse Creek Reservoir and surrounding plains which represents the highest count of species for any individual count area during the past 17 years. Another team of Harold Holt, La Vona Holt and Jim Lane led by Jack Reddall established the all-time high count of species for the Barr Lake count area at 113 (104 in 1976 comes in second).

In 1972, the Banner Lakes/Prospect Reservoir count area was sub-divided into separate counts, but the original "BBHMP Triangle" configuration remained as initially established.

In 1976, the Mile High Lakes count had to be abandoned as the conflict with duck hunting became an unbearable situation (however forays by intrepid leaders into the Mile High Duck Club continued on and off in the following years as part of the Barr Lake Periphery count). Also in 1976 though a count was made at Horse Creek Reservoir, no report was turned in. The Horse Creek count continued for one more year and then was dropped due to access permission difficulties along with duck hunting interference.

By 1978 only three areas were counted (Barr Lake, Banner Lakes and Prospect Reservoir) with only 104 species reported accounting for 7205 individuals. Access to the Banner Lakes was becoming a serious problem now due to duck hunting and this area had to be dropped in the following year.

The 1979 Annual Fall Count saw a renewal of interest with new count areas Barr Lake Periphery, Bear Creek Lake Park, Chatfield SRA, Cherry Creek SRA, Castlewood Canyon SP, the Evergreen area and Red Rocks Park joining the standard-bearer, Barr Lake count. It appeared that this new configuration would stabilize the situation and therefore could provide a basis for compiling significant trend data of fall migrations in the years to follow. But alas, it was not to be. This new arrangement did result in recording the current all-time high of number of species for any Annual Fall Count (157).

In 1982, the Waterton area was added to the Count making a total of nine count areas for the first time. Then in 1984, the Evergreen area count was terminated (reasons unknown). This was followed in 1986 by the dropping of the Castlewood Canyon SP and Red Rocks Park counts and the expansion of the Waterton area count to include the recently established Roxborough SP area. This year, 1987, found only six areas being covered with the Waterton area count returning to its original status by dropping the previous year's annexation of Roxborough SP. Roxborough SP on the other hand was established to stand on its own merits, but no report was turned in (if indeed a count was even taken).

Thus, the Annual Fall Count continues to be a heterogeneous mixture of count areas that provide little definitive data of fall migration trends and activities within the immediate Denver area. However, it is of interest to note in passing that 249 species have been recorded since the first Annual Fall Count in 1971. A 17 year summary by count area is listed as follows:

YEAR	TOT SPC	TOTAL INDIV	B/P PLN	BAR PLN	HCK PLN	MHL PLN	BAN PLN	PSP PLN	BPY PLN	BCK PLN	CSR PLN	CKK PLN	CWC FHL	EVG MTN	RRP FHL	WTR PLN	W/R P/F
1971	133	19310	79	86	85	81											
1972	150	30586	91	113	117	90											
1973	123	12903		71	68	79	49	72									
1974	134	11666		103	84	64	44	73									
1975	127	19988		89	87	64	52	19									
1976	121	14538		104			59	68									
1977	117	13524		84	78		40	75									
1978	104	7205		83			35	61									
1979	157	14031		100					81	71	82	35	45	54	25		
1980	154	14445		95					69	46	96	43	41	37	26		
1981	149	12311		82					62	56	90	37	45	70	38		
1982	140	7390		20					75	59	47	40	43	59	15	27	
1983	150	10339		77					61	40	73	40	42	71	30	48	
1984	150	14891		78					46	61	67	35	57		21	63	
1985	143	14421		71					52	75	76	45	40		24	59	
1986	152	16120		86					64	72	77	59					
1987	149	14535		85					68	65	84	75				73	61

LEGEND: B/P = Banner Lakes & Prospect Reservoir
BAR = Barr Lake State Park
HCK = Horse Creek Reservoir
MHL = Mile High Lakes
BAN = Banner Lakes
PSP = Prospect Reservoir
BPY = Barr Lake Periphery
BCK = Bear Creek Lake Park
CSR = Chatfield State Recreation Area
CCK = Cherry Creek State Recreation Area
CWC = Castlewood Canyon State Park
EVG = Evergreen
RRP = Red Rocks Park
WTR = Waterton
W/R = Waterton/Roxborough State Park

LIFE ZONES: Plains = PLN,P
Foothills = FHL,F
Mountains = MTN

HIGHEST COUNT TOTALS = Underlined

1987 ANNUAL FALL COUNT

(Compiled by Carol Hack)

Six count areas were covered this fall with 149 species and 14,535 individuals being recorded. A new count was scheduled for Roxborough State Park, however a report from this area was not received. Barr Lake State Park came up with the highest numbers of species counted with 85 followed closely by Chatfield SRA with a total of 84. Cherry Creek SRA accounted for 75 species by far the highest total during its nine year existence. Bear Creek Lake Park found the greatest number of individuals with 4,408.

Three new species were added this year: Ross' Goose at Bear Creek Lake Park (no details); Least Flycatcher at Chatfield SRA and Cherry Creek SRA; and Black-throated Sparrow at Waterton (details provided). A "Myiarchus" flycatcher was reported from the Waterton area, but the details submitted were somewhat confusing as to which species it was-Great Crested Flycatcher or Ash-throated Flycatcher, so it has been listed as "Myiarchus" species. Other notable finds include: one Green-backed Heron at Waterton (3rd Fall Count record); one Osprey at Chatfield SRA (4th record); one immature Broad-winged Hawk at Cherry Creek SRA (2nd record); one Red Knot at Barr Lake SP (3rd record); a juvenal Little Gull at Cherry Creek SRA (2nd record); one Magnolia Warbler at Chatfield SRA (2nd record); one Ovenbird at Bear Creek Lake Park (4th record); and one male Summer Tanager at Chatfield SRA (2nd record and 2nd year in a row at this location).

SEPTEMBER 12, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek, Bear Creek Lake Park, Marston Reservoir (BCPK). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Bobby Ausfahl, Vi & Henry Bossman, Bill Brockner, Bobbie DeMuth, Patty Echelmeyer, Alan & Dee Hay, Harold Oliver, Robert Spencer, Ellie Walker, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; Wind, calm; 54°-83°). 37 miles by car, 8 miles on foot. Two parties: 1st party-8.5 hours, 2nd party-5.25 hours. (65 species, 4408 individuals).

Saturday. Waterton (WTR). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Hazel Hanley, Ed Holub, Mary Beth Hurd, Pearl Jordan, Dick Pratt, Joe Tenbrink, Judy Ward. (Clear; hot). 11 hours. (73 species, 882 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 12, Saturday. Chatfield SRA (CSR). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Brenda Cockrell, Wanda Dudek, Warren Finch, Phil Hayes, Dick & Lois Hines, Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler, Mary Warner, Virgil Williams. (Scattered clouds becoming partly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, S 5-15 MPH; 45°-80°). 22 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 11 hours. (84 species 1235 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 13, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Mike Carter, Norm Erthal, David Gulbenkian, Martha Gulbenkian, Dieter Kamm, Hugh Kingery, David Martin, Robert Spencer, Judy Ward. (Clear; Wind, calm; 55°-85°). 9.25 hours. 5 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. (85 species, 3959 individuals).

Sunday. Barr Lake Periphery: Prospect Reservoir area, Rocky Mountain Arsenal (BPY). Leader: John Bregar. Observer: Ellen Copeland. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 60°-85°). 71 miles by car, 1/4 mile on foot. 7.5 hours. (68 species, 2581 individuals).

Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Alex Cruz, Joey Kellner, Jean Maguire, Bob & Marty Montgomery. (Partly cloudy; Wind, variable 10-25 MPH; 55°-87°). 17 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 10.5 hours. (75 species, 1470 individuals).

Sunday. Roxborough SP. No report received.

DATE	12	12	12	13	13	13	FALL
AREA COVERED	BCPK	WTR	CSR	BAR	BPY	CCK	COUNT
LIFE ZONE COVERED	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	TOTAL
Pied-billed Grebe	16		2	5	17		40
Horned Grebe	12			14			26
Eared Grebe				3		4	7
Western Grebe			1	30	1	25	57
Clark's Grebe				1		3	4
American White Pelican	1			120	30		151
Double-crested Cormorant	200	14	65	2	1	40	322
Great Blue Heron	40	3	2	8	6	10	69
Green-backed Heron		1					1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3				6	13	22
Ross' Goose	1						1
Canada Goose	221		210	650	20	280	1381
Wood Duck			3				3
Green-winged Teal	58		25	250	25	25	383
Mallard	71	10	20	500	90	50	741
Northern Pintail	1			3	10	1	15
Blue-winged Teal			3	8		3	14
Blue-winged Teal Sp.	4				60		64
Northern Shoveler	7	1	5	1	25		39
Gadwall	5	2	8	4	20	1	40
American Wigeon	203	150	33	150	8		544
Redhead	71			5	4	7	87
Ring-necked Duck	30				1	2	33
Ruddy Duck	8		5	65	1	17	96
Turkey Vulture	4			1		1	6
Osprey			1				1
Northern Harrier	1	3		2	1		7
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2	1			1	4
Cooper's Hawk				1			1
Broad-winged Hawk						1	1

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONE COVERED	12 BCPK PLNS	12 WTR PLN	12 CSR PLN	13 BAR PLN	13 BPY PLN	13 CCK PLN	FALL COUNT TOTAL
Swainson's Hawk	1	2	1	4	16		24
Red-tailed Hawk	1		1	2			4
Ferruginous Hawk					1	1	2
Golden Eagle		2					2
American Kestrel	2	11	2	4	8	2	29
Prairie Falcon		2		1			3
Ring-necked Pheasant				6		5	11
Virginia Rail						6	6
Sora					1	6	7
American Coot	2535	100	300	200	35	35	3205
Semipalmated Plover				6		1	7
Killdeer	52	1	9	85	200	15	362
American Avocet				12	12		24
Greater Yellowlegs	10						10
Lesser Yellowlegs	30		5	36	70		141
Solitary Sandpiper					1	2	3
Spotted Sandpiper		2				4	6
Red Knot				1			1
Semipalmated Sandpiper	12			7			19
Western Sandpiper				1	2		3
Least Sandpiper			5	3	3	8	19
Baird's Sandpiper				70	3		73
Pectoral Sandpiper				8	2		10
Stilt Sandpiper				75	15		90
Long-billed Dowitcher				2	5		7
Common Snipe					3	1	4
Red-necked Phalarope				1	5		6
Franklin's Gull	38		30	400	15	125	608
Little Gull						11m	1
Ring-billed Gull	29	8	12	100	70	20	239
California Gull	48		15	175		120	358
Common Tern						3	3
Black Tern						1	1
Rock Dove	17		35	2	6	20	80
Mourning Dove	15	10	15	35	45	10	130
Great Horned Owl		1	1	1		2	5
Burrowing Owl					1		1
Common Nighthawk			1	1			2
Common Poorwill		1					1
White-throated Swift		10					10
Belted Kingfisher	5	4	2				11
Red-naped Sapsucker		1		1			2
Downy Woodpecker	4	5		4			13
"Batchelder's" race			1				1
Eastern races			1			2	3
Hairy Woodpecker		1	1	2			4
Northern Flicker							
"Yellow-shafted" race		1					1
"Red-shafted" race	37	22	10	13	2	8	92
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1					1
Western Wood-Pewee	1	17	5	3		2	28
Least Flycatcher			1			1	2
Empidonax sp.		1		2			3
Say's Phoebe			1				1

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONE COVERED	12 BCPK PLNS	12 WTR PLN	12 CSR PLN	13 BAR PLN	13 BPY PLN	13 CCK PLN	FALL COUNT TOTAL
Myiarchus sp.		1					1
Cassin's Kingbird				1			1
Western Kingbird	2	1	1		1		5
Eastern Kingbird					1		1
Horned Lark		1			30	1	32
Bank Swallow		2		2	2		6
Barn Swallow	23	22		500	500	75	1120
Blue Jay	5	1	1	2		4	13
Scrub Jay		8					8
Black-billed Magpie	58	13	25	25	50	25	196
American Crow		3	15		1		19
Common Raven		4	2				6
Black-capped Chickadee	19	38	18	22		5	102
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1	4			5
White-breasted Nuthatch			1				1
Rock Wren	6	12	1	5	1	2	27
House Wren	4	8	13	12		5	42
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1	4		1	6
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		4					4
Townsend's Solitaire						1	1
Hermit Thrush				1			1
Catharus sp.			1				1
American Robin	98	63	65			3	229
Gray Catbird		2	2			1	5
Sage Thrasher		3			2		5
Brown Thrasher			2				2
Cedar Waxwing		13	20				33
Loggerhead Shrike		2					2
European Starling	26	4	30	100	350	250	760
Solitary Vireo							
"Plumbeous" race		6	2				8
"Cassin's" race			1			1	2
Warbling Vireo	2	1					3
Red-eyed Vireo						1	1
Orange-crowned Warbler		11	6	16		5	38
Virginia's Warbler		11	2				13
Yellow Warbler	1		1	1			3
Magnolia Warbler			1				1
Yellow-rumped Warbler		14		4			28
"Myrtle" race	4						4
"Audubon's" race	13		10		3		26
American Redstart			1				1
Ovenbird	1						1
MacGillivray's Warbler				5			5
Common Yellowthroat			3	1		13	17
Wilson's Warbler	11	37	25	21		10	104
Yellow-breasted Chat		1	1	1			3
Summer Tanager			1				1
Western Tanager	2	4	8				14
Black-headed Grosbeak			1				1
Lazuli Bunting			1		1	1	3
Green-tailed Towhee	1	8	2	4			15
Rufous-sided Towhee		18	4	1			23
Chipping Sparrow	5	19	15	50	1	30	120

DATE	12	12	12	13	13	13	FALL
AREA COVERED	BCPK	WTR	CSR	BAR	BPY	CCK	COUNT
LIFE ZONE COVERED	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	TOTAL
Clay-colored Sparrow					6	1	7
Brewer's Sparrow				1	6	6	13
Vesper Sparrow	9	61		16	125	6	217
Lark Sparrow	1	8	3		3		15
Black-throated Sparrow		1					1
Lark Bunting		18			11		29
Savannah Sparrow			25		3	20	48
Song Sparrow	4	4	2	2	9	8	29
Lincoln's Sparrow		3		7	2	1	13
White-crowned Sparrow	1	4	2	4			11
Dark-eyed Junco							
"Oregon" race			1	1		1	3
Red-winged Blackbird	70		1		60	30	161
Western Meadowlark	5	11	10	6	25	15	72
Yellow-headed Blackbird					450		450
Brewer's Blackbird	18		50			3	71
Common Grackle	118			18	40	50	226
House Finch	84	5	3		1	3	96
Pine Siskin		5	1				6
Lesser Goldfinch		27	1				28
American Goldfinch	2	6	8	1		7	24
Evening Grosbeak	20		5				25
House Sparrow	3	4		35	50		92
TOTAL SPECIES - 149	65	73	84	85	68	75	149



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NOVEMBER 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- NOVEMBER 1, Sunday. Northwest Denver: Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and Crown Hill Lake (NW). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Nancy Boyd, Bobbie DeMuth, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Tom & Margie Gibb, Irv Jackson, Diana Mullineaux, Gerry Sullivan, Joe Tenbrink, Warren Tucker, Carley Warren. (Cloudy; Wind, calm). 3.5 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (33 species, 597 individuals).
- 3, Tuesday. Denver to Bonny Reservoir SRA & South Republican SWA including Hale Ponds (ECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, W 5-15 MPH; 40°-72°). 367 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. (62 species, 9292 individuals).
- 7, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Dan Bridges, Glenna Corey, Warren Finch, Hazel Kellogg, Dan & Mary Laszlo, Dick Schottler, Don & Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Virgil Williams. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, light; 40°-60°). 5 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 5.5 hours birding. (42 species, 1176 individuals).
- 8, Sunday. Sedalia & Castlewood Canyon S.P. (SC). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Marta Deutman, Virginia Elder, Irv Jackson, Pat Stevens.

NOVEMBER 8, (Clear; Wind, light; 35°-55°). 120 miles by car, 2 miles on foot.
(continued) 6 hours birding. (28 species, 329 individuals).

- 14, Saturday. Chatfield Arboretum & mouth of Deer Creek Canyon (ARBOR). Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl. Observers: Ann Bonnell, Ruth Breckon, Phil Hayes, Hazel Kellogg, JoAnne Kyhl, Martha Marshall, Dick Pautsch, Dorothy Perci, Ruth Wheeler. (Broken clouds to overcast; 34°-54°). 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (24 species, 190 individuals).
- 15, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Trip cancelled due to inclement weather.
- 20, Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Hiram Prince Reservoir, Union Reservoir, Boulder Creek at 95th Street, Walden Ponds, Valmont Reservoir, Baseline Reservoir, Red Rocks Park, Chatfield SRA & Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy, 1"-8" of snow cover; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 25°-53°). 184 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 10.5 hours birding. (66 species, 8590 individuals).
- 21, Saturday. South Platte River Park & McLellan Reservoir (SPR). Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Walter Collins, Virginia & Tom Faxon, Phil Hayes, Hazel Kellogg, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear becoming overcast, 1"-4" snow cover; Wind, calm; 32°-57°). 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6.75 hours birding. (45 species, 1012 individuals).
- 22, Sunday. Southeastern Colorado: dry Cimarron River, Springfield, Comanche National Grassland, Sand Creek, Carrizo Creek to Oklahoma state line & Cottonwood Canyon (SECO). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Sunny; Wind, 10-30 MPH; 40°-50°). 159 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (46 species 1877 individuals).
- 22, Sunday. Chatfield SRA (CSR). Leader: Irv Jackson. Observers: Mary Burns, Warren Finch, Gill Knaak, Linda Metcalf, Dick Pautsch, Jack Reddall, Anne Southcott, Virgil Williams. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW 5-10 MPH; 25°-45°). 15 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (49 species, 1922 individuals).
- 23, Monday. Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch SWA, Jumbo Reservoir, Red Lion SWA, North Sterling Reservoir, Sterling (cemetery), Prewitt Reservoir SWA, Bijou Reservoir & Jackson Reservoir (NECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear becoming partly cloudy; Wind SW 0-15 MPH; 20°-45°). 413 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 12 hours birding. (59 species, 47,232 individuals).
- 27, Friday. Bob Spencer reported finding numerous tracks of Wild Turkeys and hearing several birds calling in the Bergen Park area of Jefferson County. However, no birds were sighted. Bob hopes that next year he will have some observers join him to help him seek out these birds.
- 28, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Union Reservoir to Greeley, Windsor and Hamilton Reservoir (NCCOL). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Ted Stockmeyer. (Clear to partly cloudy). 200 miles by car. 9.5 hours birding. (43 species, 31,205 individuals).
- 28, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Prewitt Reservoir SWA, Muir Springs Park & Bijou Reservoir (NECOL). Observers: Norm Erthal, Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, W 10-20 MPH in A.M. becoming NE 10-15 MPH in P.M.; 6°-40°). 250 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 11 hours birding. (52 species, 12,412 individuals).
- 29, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RR). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Bill Brockner, Tom Gumbart (Connecticut), Dan Hall, Irv Jackson, Joe

Tenbrink. (21 species, 268 individuals).

30, Monday. Castlewood Canyon S.P., Waterton, Chatfield SRA, McLellan Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCMC). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, SW 0-10 MPH; 10°-43°). 103 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 9.5 hours birding. (72 species, 3605 individuals).

NOVEMBER 1987 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	1 NW PL	3 ECOL PLNS	7 CCR PLN	8 SC PF	14 ARBOR PL FH	20 NECO PLFH	21 SPR PLN	22 SECO PLNS	22 CSR PLN	23 NECOL PLAIN	28 NCCOL PLAIN	28 NECOL PLAIN	29 RR FH	30 CCMC PLFH
Red-throated Loon						1								
Pacific Loon						3			2					
Common Loon		8	5			7	1		3	1				1
Pied-billed Grebe	9	4	5			18	13		4					2
Horned Grebe		4	2			21	4		4	1		2		10
Eared Grebe			28			4								
Western Grebe		35	200	8		50	12		6	10	22			4
Clark's Grebe						1				2				
Am. White Pelican			4								1			
Dbl-cr. Cormorant		40	2			8	1		3	1				5
Great Blue Heron		5	4	2		1	6		1		1			1
Bl-cr Night-Heron			2											
Gtr. White-fr Goose												1ad		
Snow Goose														
"White" form										1ad				
Ross' Goose						1ad								
Canada Goose	85	50	37	20		1100	330		900	5500	18723	200		475
Wood Duck							15					1fe		
Green-winged Teal	12	10	12			250	1		35	20		6		5
Mallard	93	6000	52	6	5	800	125	2	150	37000	9414	9000		50
Northern Pintail		100		2		50	1		10	20	1	2m1f		1ma
Northern Shoveler	5	10				1fe			15			25		40
Gadwall	20	300	4			75	17		20	40	24	10		2
American Wigeon	28				2	235	2		25	25	10	4		30
Canvasback		25				33	2		15	3ma	3	8		10
Redhead	2	35				35	1		5	10	110			35
Ring-necked Duck	8		8			550	8		400	2				100
Lesser Scaup	12	250	2			1fe			1ma	40	5	25		15
Surf Scoter											2			
White-wing Scoter											1			
Common Goldeneye				2		50	28		15	255	80	335		50
Bufflehead						15	13		15	3	255	20		25
Hooded Merganser						36	16					1m2f		18
Common Merganser			4			900	14		4fe	800	40	600		1200
Red-br. Merganser						27								1fe
Ruddy Duck	5								2	5	41	8		2
Bald Eagle								1im		2a3i	3	1a5i	2	
Northern Harrier		1m2f	4			2fe		3		1m4f	3	1ma		1fe
Sharp-shin. Hawk								1	1ad	1im				
Cooper's Hawk		1ad						1		1ad				
Red-tailed Hawk			1	2	1i			5			2			
"Western" races		4a1i				4			1	11		3		3
"Harlan's" race						1	1							
Ferruginous Hawk			1	1		1ad				1a1i				2
Rough-legged Hawk		1				1	1			6	2			
Golden Eagle		1im								1ad	1		1	
American Kestrel		3	2			4		9	1	14	20	9	1	2
Prairie Falcon			1		1					2				

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Ring-n. Pheasant		4m3f	2-H			1ma		1				4ma		1m1f
Wild Turkey								2						
Northern Bobwhite								25				20		
Scaled Quail								3						
Virginia Rail			1-H											1-H
American Coot	55	5	9	25	1	375	81		120	20	145			350
Killdeer		7				5	10		4	2	12	3		3
Least Sandpiper		1												
Baird's Sandpiper		6												
Pectoral Sandpiper						1			1					
Common Snipe	4											9		10
Bonaparte's Gull		20	6			1				1ad				
Mew Gull						1im								
Ring-billed Gull	30	40	525	12		2500	88		20	1500	42	500		700
California Gull			12			150								25
Herring Gull						80	2		5	200	1	125		80
Thayer's Gull						2im						1a1i		
Glaucous Gull												1im		
Black-lg Kittiwake												1im		
Rock Dove	25	3			13	4	110	36	14	2	25	102	15	15
Mourning Dove		2						5						
Great Horned Owl		3ad					1	3	2ad					
Belted Kingfisher	3		2			2	6		1	1		1		1
Lewis' Woodpecker								25			2			
Red-bel Woodpecker		1ma											1m	
Sapsucker sp.														
Ladder-bk Woodpecker					1			1ma						
Downy Woodpecker	1					1	5	1						2ma
"Batchelder's"														1ma
"Eastern" races		5	4			1ma				1		1m1f		
Hairy Woodpecker								2	1					1m1f
"Rocky Mtn. race														
"Eastern" races		2								1				
Northern Flicker		20		1	1					13	4	25		
"Red-shafted"	14		2			6	12	10	3				7	7
Horned Lark		300				2		1200	10	450	412	350		2
Steller's Jay				13		1								15
Blue Jay		15		5		1		3		3	2	6		5
Scrub Jay				9		7		6					5	4
Black-bill. Magpie	15	18	17	30	7	50	25	30	20	50	21	45	15	50
American Crow				85	2	300	3	6	3		1			8
Chihuahuan Raven								2						
Common Raven					1	1						3		8
Bl-cap Chickadee	15	25	17	10	6	2	19		8	6		8	8	18
Mountain Chickadee								3					2	3
Plain Titmouse								1						
Bushtit								8						
Red-br. Nuthatch										1				3
White-br. Nuthatch	2	1							1					3
Pygmy Nuthatch														4
Brown Creeper	4						1		1		1			
Canyon Wren								5					6	
Bewick's Wren								5						

NOVEMBER 1987 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	1 NW PL	3 ECOL PLNS	7 CCR PLN	8 SC PF	14 ARBOR PL FH	20 NECO PLFH	21 SPR PLN	22 SECO PLNS	22 CSR PLN	23 NECOL PLAIN	28 NCCOL PLAIN	28 NECOL PLAIN	29 RR FH	30 CCMC PLFH
Winter Wren									1					2
Marsh Wren														1
American Dipper				1		1								1
Golden-cr Kinglet										1				1
Ruby-cr Kinglet		1												
Eastern Bluebird		4		1								10		
Mountain Bluebird								30						
Town's Solitaire		1			5	4		2		3			12	14
American Robin		65	1	2	50	1	2	60		50	3	5	99	15
Brown Thrasher														1
Water Pipit							5							2
Cedar Waxwing										20				
Northern Shrike		1im	1						3	2a2i				
Loggerhead Shrike								1						
European Starling	39	450	12	30	9	250	60	40	50	160	1522	200	5	30
Rufous-sd Towhee				1				3					2	
"Spotted" races		2ma												5ma
Brown Towhee								7						
Am. Tree Sparrow	8	40	8	7	7	1	3	5	13	40	1	20		8
Song Sparrow	4	10	5		8	3	2	1	1		12	10		5
Lincoln's Sparrow		1												
White-cr. Sparrow	4							9						
"Gambel's" race		45										25		
Harris' Sparrow		5	2	2										
Dark-eyed Junco	13									25		15		35
"Slate-colored"	2	35	1		5	2	2	3		10			10	
"Oregon"	9	65	5		10	9	2	90		25		30	15	25
"Gray-headed"				7	6	5	3	6					10	1
McCown's Longspur								30						
Lapland Longspur		4								3				
Red-wg Blackbird	9	1000	42	27	11	400	3	75	10	650	4	600		15
W. Meadowlark		170	1		15	4		12	2	40	13	35		5
Rusty Blackbird		1m1f										25		
Brewer's Blackbird											12			
Common Grackle		1												
Rosy Finch													15	
"Gray-crowned"													12	4
Cassin's Finch					2f								15	5
House Finch	24	3	11	10		5	21		2	2				2
Red Crossbill														
Pine Siskin	7	4		4				95				2	10	
American Goldfinch	9	7	10			2	4	30		18	20	8		1
Evening Grosbeak	16					6								1ma
House Sparrow	6	5		5		15	6	1		120	110	50		15
TOTAL SPECIES-131	33	62	43	28	24	66	45	46	49	59	43	53	21	72

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLAIN, PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foothills= FH,F;

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Pacific Loon 11-3, 11-7 & 11-12 (1 immature) Johnson Lake, Clement Park at Wadsworth & Bowles, Jefferson Co.-written details submitted (TJ).
 American White Pelican 11-3 (2) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (PE); 11-16 (4) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR); 11-23 (4) Ohio Reservoir, Adams Co. (MOS); see Field Trip Report on 11-28 for very late sighting at Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (NE,JR).

American Bittern 11-4 & 11-11 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK).
Cattle Egret 11-21 (1) along U.S. Hwy. 50 east of Hasty, Bent Co. (DB).
Greater White-fronted Goose 11-29 (9 immatures) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (DB).
Ross' Goose 11-21 (1 adult) Chatfield SRA (Plum Creek delta), Douglas Co.-written details submitted (TJ).
Black Scoter 11-8 through 11-27 (up to 3 immatures/females) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (RR, m.ob.).
Surf Scoter 11-7 (1 female/immature) Johnson Lake, Clement Park at Wadsworth and Bowles-written details submitted (TJ); 11-8 through 11-27 (up to 3) Hamilton Reservoir (RR, m.ob.); 11-22 (1 adult female) Chatfield SRA, "Fisherman's Cove" north of "Kingfisher Bridge", Jefferson Co.-written details submitted (TJ).
White-winged Scoter 11-11 through 11-27 (up to 2) Hamilton Reservoir (RR, m.ob.).
Barrow's Goldeneye 11-12, 11-21 & 11-22 (1 adult male) farm pond at Kipling & West Quincey, Jefferson Co.-written details submitted (TJ).
Cooper's Hawk 11-2 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
Merlin 11-22 (1 female, F. c. richardsonii) west entrance, Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Wild Turkey 11-5 (12) along South Platte River (south side) 2 miles upstream from Snyder, Morgan Co. (DB).
Scaled Quail 11-13 (13) U.S. Hwy. 50 & Fortino Blvd., Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (AH).
Lesser Golden-Plover 11-2 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Greater Yellowlegs 11-10 (1) Arapahoe Ave. at Park Lake Drive, Boulder Co.-written details provided (TJ).
Parasitic Jaeger 11-22 (1 sub-adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Black-legged Kittiwake 11-24 & 11-25 (1 immature-first winter) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (JM).
Eastern Screech-Owl 11-4 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH); 11-9 (1, heard only) 2358 S. Fillmore, Denver, Denver Co. (SR).
Long-eared Owl 11-3 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (nature area), Adams Co. (DB).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 11-5 through 11-18 (1 immature) 2695 Newland St., Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co.-pers. comm. (PE).
Vermilion Flycatcher 11-4 through 11-14 (1 male) Lake Minnequa, Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (AW, m.ob.).
Barn Swallow 11-3 (12) Barr Lake S.P. (PE); 11-3 (1) Grant Reservoir B (off Wadsworth), Jefferson Co. (TJ).
Brown Creeper all month (up to 4) 2695 Newland St., Wheat Ridge (PE).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet all month (up to 4) 2695 Newland St., Wheat Ridge (PE).
Gray Catbird 11-6 (1) one mile east of Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (BJ).
Brown Thrasher 11-26 through 11-30 (1) coming to feeder, 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (DR, JR).
Cedar Waxwing 11-9 (2 immatures) 2695 Newland St., Wheat Ridge (PE).
Cape May Warbler 11-17 through mid-day 11-19 (1, photographed) Crestone, Saguache Co.-pers. comm. (HR).
Townsend's Warbler 11-1 (1) 2025 S. Monroe, Denver, Denver Co. (TJ).
Black-throated Green Warbler 11-4 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK).
American Redstart 11-11 & 11-14 (1 immature male) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK).
Field Sparrow 11-5 (2) South Platte River (south side) 2 miles upstream from Snyder, Morgan Co. (DB); 11-9 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK).
Swamp Sparrow 11-14 (1) Hot Creek SWA, 7 miles west of Capulin, Conejos Co. (DB).
White-throated Sparrow 11-3 (2 immatures) Barr Lake S.P. (PE).
Harris' Sparrow 11-1 (1) North Sterling Reservoir, Logan Co. (DB).
Rusty Blackbird 11-16 (1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

"THIRD ANNUAL UPPER TEXAS COAST BIRD TRIP"-April 14 (night) through April 19, 1988.

Last year over 200 species of birds were seen including Ruff, Sprague's Pipit, Bachman's Sparrow. Minimum/Maximum-6. All expenses shared except for air fare. Last year per person expenses ran approximately \$200. Contact Bob Righter after January 1, 1988 if interested (Tel. 692-8529).

DENVER AUDUBON SOCIETY'S BIRDSEED AND FEEDER SALE - ORDER NOW!

Denver Audubon Society is now holding its 10th Semi-Annual Birdseed and Feeder Sale. The Chapter of the National Audubon Society offers a fine selection of seed and feeders at a competitive price. Call the Denver Audubon Society at 860-1471 for an order form. Orders for feeders must be mailed back to DAS by December 31, 1987, but if you order seed only, orders need not be mailed until January 11, 1988. You will be able to pick up your order at the Denver Design Center, 595 South Broadway in Denver on Sunday, January 24, 1988 or have it delivered to your home for a \$10 delivery charge,

BIRDING FOR BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS

The first in a projected series of leisure activities booklets, "Birding: An introduction to Ornithological Delights for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals" has been published by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The booklet discuss "the possibilities of birding" as a hobby for blind and physically handicapped people. The introduction states that, "You will be introduced to a midwestern group of visually impaired birders; the importance and variety of bird sounds; a selection of recorded and braille books available through your regional and/or subregional library; sources of commercial recordings of bird songs; and a club where you can associate with individuals holding a mutual interest in birding". The "Birding" handbook is available upon request from network libraries or from the Reference Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, D.C. 20542. PLEASE NOTE: Your Editor has ONE copy of this booklet if someone is interested.

JOHN SANDEN MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED AT ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK

The Memorial Fund for our deceased member, John Sanded, in the amount of \$274.00 has been given to Roxborough State Park where John had been a volunteer. These funds were used by the Park to purchase a Bushnell Stalker Telescope and a Bogen Tripod along with bird books for the Roxborough Volunteer Library. Susan K. Trumble, the Roxborough State Park Manager, stated that this gift will enable the Park visitors to gain a fuller appreciation of the Park's birdlife and thanked the DFO members for the generous donation which will be used to carry John's interest in birding to others.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT

Due to the recent changes in the Treasurership, we were remiss not acknowledging the following individuals for their generous donations and wish to do so at this time: Robert S. Bermer, Phyllis Fischer, Larry Halsey, Irv Jackson, Helen King and Cynthia Lippincott.

PURCHASING "A BIRDER'S GUIDE" SERIES BOOK

Be sure and purchase your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series (Lane and Holt) at regular monthly meetings of the Denver Field Ornithologists. The new "A Birder's Guide to Colorado" is now available and covers the entire state. Forty percent of all sales made at DFO meetings are turned over to our treasury.

FLORIDA AUDUBON PROGRAM FOR INJURED RAPTORS

To assist a program to rehabilitate and care for injured and orphaned birds of prey, collect cancelled foreign and United States commemorative postage stamps, undamaged duck and state conservation stamps and old and foreign picture postal cards. For information about this Florida Audubon Program, call Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947) who delivers these items personally.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Treasurer, Mr. Alan Hay - 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada, Colorado 80004 (Tel. 422-0239). DO NOT CONTACT THE EDITOR!

FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE LARK BUNTING

For one-time failures to receive the Lark Bunting, please contact the Editor, Jack Reddall (Tel. 771-5308) who normally has extra copies to mail out as replacements. If you fail to receive the Lark Bunting two months in a row, please contact the Treasurer, Mr. Alan Hay - 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada, Colorado 80004 IN WRITING who will investigate the problem for corrective action.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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1988 DFO MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW

Your 1988 DFO membership dues are payable now (see attached renewal slip). All memberships which are not renewed by January 31, 1988, will automatically be cancelled, so be sure to renew yours today!

TREASURER'S REPORT (9-1-86 through 8-31-87)

REVENUES:

Membership (257 members at \$10)	\$2570	
(57 members at \$5)	285	
(1 member at \$8)	8	
	<u> </u>	\$2863
Interest on Savings Account		504
Book Shop (including DFO patches):		
Gross sales	\$601	
DFO patches	120	
Less costs	<u>(484)</u>	237
Colorado Bird Report Contributions		<u>345</u>
	Total	<u>\$3949</u>

EXPENSES:

Printing costs at Silers (14% increase over last year)	\$2472
Monthly meetings at Denver Museum of Natural History	375
Colorado Bird Atlas	<u>150</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

EXPENSES (continued)

Telephone		
Mountain Bell & A.T.T.	\$215	
New line	89	
Machine for Colorado Bird Report	250	
Repairs	128	\$ 682
Miscellaneous costs (postage, typewriter, etc.).		78
		Total \$3757

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1987

Savings Account	\$ 8819
Memorial Fund	1255
Total	\$10074
Checking Account	\$ 531

Submitted by: David Gulbenkian
DFO Treasurer

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1988

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983 & 1985) order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111. PLEASE NOTE: Submitting Field Trip summaries in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order saves the Editor considerable time and trouble since his worksheets are laid out in this manner. There are several Field Check-Lists currently in circulation, some of which are out-of-date. Field Trip Leaders are requested to use "The Field Check-List of Birds of Eastern Colorado" (10-82) to compile and submit the results of their Field Trips. This Check-List can be obtained at regular monthly meetings of the DFO (free to Leaders).
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered by car and on foot and duration of the trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "Forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - "White" form vs. "Blue" form) and/or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - "Baltimore" race vs. "Bullock's" race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species found in each Life Zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine).
5. Individual Field Trips are acceptable and will be published along with the results of regularly scheduled DFO Field Trips depending upon space and interest.
6. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip Reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the Monthly Summaries.
7. Please notify the Editor (Jack Reddall - Tel. 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

PLEASE CALL THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT AT 423-5582 BEFORE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULING.

- JANUARY 2, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE URBAN. Leaders: Ruth Wheeler & Ruth Breckon (455-3924). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at South Federal Blvd. and Bellevue in front of King Soopers. *
- 3, Sunday. BEAR CREEK PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near Burlington Coat Factory) South Sheridan north of Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 9, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leaders: Marilyn & Lee Rowe (659-8069). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at entrance to Park. *
- 10, Sunday. NORTHEASTERN COLORADO RAPTOR TRIP. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Museum of Natural History-north parking lot. NOTE: Please call Leader late in the week to determine if trip will go. Trip will depend on condition of county roads. *
- 16, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool at 7:30 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south parking lot, 38th and Wadsworth Blvd. Meet Leader at 8:15 A.M. at Basemar Shopping Center on south side of Baseline east of Broadway. *
- 17, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 8:30 A.M. at Prospect Park, West 44th Avenue near Robb. *
- 23, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Park-'n-Ride, South Wadsworth Blvd. south of Hampden (U.S Hwy. 285). *
- 24, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at west entrance. *
- 30, Saturday. ADAMS COUNTY RAMBLINGS. Leader: Joe Tenbrink (452-6546). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Twin Lake Park, North Broadway and 70th. *
- 31, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK AREA. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 1:00 P.M. at the Trading Post in Red Rocks Park. Dress warmly to see Rosy Finches after 3:30 P.M.

*BRING LUNCH

TUESDAY BIRDERS: You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

SUBMITTED BY: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
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Field Trip Coordinators